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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: European Commission EC-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43 Email: ec-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tbt/
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Materials and Articles in contact with food including catering containers and materials and articles in contact with drinking water covered by TARIC positions 3919, 3920, 3923 & 3924. (ICS: 67.250).
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Regulation on recycled plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foods and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006 (document number SANCO/3447/2007, 18 pages). http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2008/tbt/EEC/08_0091_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: This draft Regulation introduces an authorisation procedure for mechanical recycling process producing recycled plastics to be used in plastic food contact materials and articles and amends the Regulation on good manufacturing practices with a specific Annex on GMP for recycling process to produce recycled plastics for food contact. As soon as the guidelines mentioned in Article 5.2 are available for comments, they will be notified according to the SPS Agreement.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To facilitate trade by introducing harmonised rules for recycled plastic for use in contact with food in the EU, whilst ensuring consumer safety.

8. Relevant documents:	Information relevant to this proposal can be found on the website of DG Health and Consumer Protection at http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/chemicalsafety/foodcontact/index_en.htm
9. Proposed date of adoption:	March 2008 (not possible to estimate a more specific date).
Proposed date of entry into force:	April 2008
10. Final date for comments:	60 days from circulation by the WTO Secretariat
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:	European Commission EC-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43 Email: ec-tbt@ec.europa.eu The text is available on the EC-TBT Website: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tbt/ and http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2008/tbt/EEC/08_0091_00_e.pdf