

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Sweeteners in foodstuffs
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Any country exporting food products to South Africa.
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Regulations Relating to the Use of Sweeteners in Foodstuffs: Amendment (Government Notice R. 558 dated 7 May 2004) (available in English, one page).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Provides for the use of neotame in foodstuffs.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
<b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> Codex standard/guideline: CS 192-1995 (rev. 2003). Neotame not yet listed in the Codex standard. Differs in format from the Codex standard.
<b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Government Gazette No. 26306 of 7 May 2004 (available in English).
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> After final publication of the regulations in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before December 2004.
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Within 6 months of final publication of the regulations in the Government Gazette.

**12. Final date for comments:** November 2004

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