## GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Commission of the European Community
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 X, 2.6.1, 7.3.2, 7.4.1, Other:
4.	Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):  Modified starches intended for human consumption (CCCN - ex. chapters 11 and 19)
5.	Title: Proposal for a Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to modified starches intended for human consumption.
6.	Description of content: The field of application is limited to the category of starches modified by chemical treatment that may be used in foodstuffs. The proposal comprises a positive list of starches modified by chemical treatment and the specifications thereof. The Commission proposes to use reference letters to identify these starches. It also proposes labelling of these staches, a prior authoritization clause and a safeguard clause currently used in foodstuff legislation.
7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: COM(84)726 Final or OJ C/31 of 1 February 1985.
9.	Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 November 1987.
10.	Final date for comments: 17 June 1985.
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point x or address of other body: