

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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>UNITED KINGDOM ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Municipal Services Branch, Government Secretariat, Hong Kong Government
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , Other:
4.	Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): "Water placed in a sealed container for sale for human consumption"
5.	Title: Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance, Chapter 132, Laws of Hong Kong
6.	Description of content: It is proposed to seek an amendment to the Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance, to include "water placed in a sealed container for sale for human consumption" in the definitions of "drink" and "food". The existing definitions of "drink" and "food" in the principal Ordinance do not include water other than water from natural springs either in its natural state or with added mineral substances, distilled water and aerated water. As a result of the proposed amendment, "water placed in a sealed container for sale for human consumption" will be subject to the standards and requirements in the Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation including Colouring Matter in Food Regulations, Food Adulteration (Artificial Sweeteners) Regulations, Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations, Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations, Food Business By-laws and Food Business (New Territories) Regulations, Mineral Oil in Food Regulations, Preservatives in Food Regulations and Harmful Substances in Food Regulations.
7.	Objective and rationale: To put "water placed in a sealed container for sale for human consumption" under the control of the Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation, to safeguard public health.
8.	Relevant documents: Additional information may be obtained from the National enquiry point.
9.	Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: March 1986
10.	Final date for comments: 7 March 1986
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: