

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u>
2. Agency responsible: Department of National Health and Welfare
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 (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Tea
5. Title: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations
6. Description of content: This amendment provides for the use of ethyl acetate in the decaffeination of tea leaves. Provision already exists for the use of ethyl acetate as an extraction solvent for decaffeinated green coffee beans, spice extracts and unstandardized flavouring preparations. The Regulations also provide for the use of carbon dioxide and methylene chloride as solvents for decaffeination of tea and coffee.
7. Objective and rationale: Protection of human health
8. Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 5 May 1990, pages 1677-1679
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not stated
10. Final date for comments: 4 July 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , or address of other body: