

**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>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing/UNMS
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [], 2.6.1 [X], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food and Agricultural Products
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Decree No. 43/1994 by UNMS on Obligatory Certification of Products, through which the Amendment of Paragraph 47 of the Customs Law is Technically Fulfilled (14 pages)
6.	Description of content: Decree contains the list of food and agricultural products selected to obligatory certification and minimum requirements that specified products have to meet to be allowed on market. Certificate is a document to be used by importer of declared products at customs inspection since 1 May 1994.
7.	<p>Objective and rationale:</p> <p>To avoid irregular machinations. Following the report of the Slovak Government Office on the first stage of checking the procedures by State bodies in ensuring the imported health-innocuous foods it was found out that 77 of 113 checked importers being involved in foreign trade in the field of foods import, i.e. 68 per cent, did not fulfil their obligation towards the Law.</p> <p>As a result of disintegration of the wholesale network and due to atomization of the sales network, the possibility to check randomly the sale of imported health-damaging products made by an importer not registered in the system, is so diminished, that it was not possible to continue with the legal protection of consumers.</p> <p>Showing the certificate on a border is the way to avoid possible penetration of imported health damaging products.</p> <p>This arrangement is of a temporary character until new relevant legislative procedure comes into full force.</p>

8.	Relevant documents: Decree extends Decree No. 27/1993 by UNMS by ed on the Decree No. 39/1979 and institutionally considers the disintegration of the federation.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 May 1994
10.	Final date for comments:
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: