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NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>NETHERLANDS</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Ministerie van Welsijn, Volksgezondheid en Cultuur, Directia Voeding en Veiligheid van Produkten.
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 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):
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: The Exemption of Chilled Goods in Canteens and Restaurants From the Draft Food and Drugs Regulation (4 pages)
6.	Description of content: Unwrapped food and drinks which are stored in canteens of establishments or in restaurants, intended for direct consumption by the end consumer and which must be chilled (maximum 7 degrees C) in order to prevent microbiological decay or the growth of pathogenic bacteria.
7.	Objective and rationale: The aim of this draft is to allow products which actually have to be kept chilled (no higher than 7 degrees C) in order to prevent microbiological decay or the growth of pathogenic bacteria to be offered to consumers in canteens and restaurants, under specified conditions for a maximum of two hours at a temperature no higher than 12 degrees C. Examples: salads, meat products etc. Article 15, para. 1 (b) of the Warenwetbesluit bereiding en behandeling van levensmiddelen stands in the way of current practice in many company restaurants, where such foodstuffs are offered to the consumer in chilled foodbars for a short, one-off period of two hours maximum at a temperature no higher than 12 degrees C. The draft aims to find a sound solution to this problem.
8.	Relevant documents: Warenwetbesluit bereiding en behandeling van levensmiddelen.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 October 1994
10.	Final date for comments: 30 September 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: