

**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>AUSTRALIA</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Human Services and Health
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): Absorbable and non-absorbable sutures - sterile/non-sterile medical/dental and veterinary use.
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Therapeutic Goods Order No. 49, Absorbable and Non-Absorbable Sutures
6.	Description of content: Describes legal standard for the supply of sutures in Australia. The standard specifies physical and chemical requirements for absorbable, non-absorbable (including steel) sutures, sterile/non-sterile sutures and veterinary sutures. It excludes surgical staples.
7.	Objective and rationale: To ensure the quality of surgical sutures available in Australia
8.	Relevant documents: Therapeutic Goods Order No. 49, available from Therapeutic Goods Administration
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 30 December 1994
10.	Final date for comments: 15 December 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address and telefax number of other body:  The Information Officer Therapeutic Devices Branch Therapeutic Goods Administration PO Box 100 Woden, ACT 2606 Australia  Telefax (61) 6 239 86 87