

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

TBT/Notif.90.162

25 May 1990

Special Distribution

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 STATES</u>
2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (300)
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): Perishable meat and poultry products (HS headings 0201, 0204 and 0207)
5. Title: Processing, Distribution, Storage and Retail Handling of Ready-to-Eat, Uncured, Perishable Meat and Poultry Products Pre-Packaged in Sealed Containers (2 pages)
6. Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service is requesting comments, information, scientific data and recommendations on whether it should propose new regulations governing ready-to-eat, uncured, perishable meat and poultry products which are packaged in a variety of sealed containers bearing a "perishable, keep-refrigerated", or similar label statement. Examples of such products include, but are not limited to, soups, sauces, pastas, salads and entrées.
7. Objective and rationale: Such products, when improperly processed or handled, pose certain unique risks to the consumer.
8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 19888, 14 May 1990; 9 CFR Parts 308, 318, 320 and 321. Will appear in the <u>Federal Register</u> when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 13 July 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: