

# 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>UNITED STATES</u>
2. Agency responsible: Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture
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): Uncured meat patties (HS headings 0201, 0203)
5. Title: Heat-Processing Procedures, Cooking Instructions, and Cooling, Handling, and Storage Requirements for Uncured Meat Patties (15 pages)
6. Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service is proposing to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations to specify heat-processing, cooling, handling, labelling and storage requirements for uncured meat patties, such as hamburgers, Salisbury steaks, breaded and battered chopped veal steaks, beef patties, and pork sausage patties. It would provide for the safe processing and handling and informative labelling of heat-processed (fully-cooked, partially-cooked, and char-marked), uncured meat patties to assist in assuring that such products are wholesome and not adulterated or mislabelled when distributed to consumers.
7. Objective and rationale: Health and safety
8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 23030, 5 June 1990; 9 CFR parts 318 and 320. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 5 July 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] or address of other body: