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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 and Drug Administration (308)
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): Food labelling
5. Title: Food Labelling; Mandatory Status of Nutrition Labelling and Nutrient Content Revision (30 pages)
6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to amend its food labelling regulations to require nutrition labelling on most food products that are meaningful sources of nutrients and to revise the list of required nutrients and the conditions for listing nutrients in nutrition labelling. FDA is proposing to revise the list of required nutrients and food components in nutrition labelling to add calories from fat, saturated fatty acids, cholesterol, and dietary fibre and to make the listing of thiamin, riboflavin and niacin optional rather than mandatory. The proposal also addresses conditions under which other nutrients could be, or are required to be, included in nutrition labelling and would allow for the voluntary inclusion in nutrition labelling of a nutrition profile based on daily reference values (DRVs) of selected food components.
7. Objective and rationale: Expanding scientific knowledge about the relationship between certain food components and health which has created increased public interest in the nutritional contribution of food products.
8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 29487, 19 July 1990; 21 CFR Parts 101 and 105. 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: 16 November 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: