

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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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 (307)
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; Reference Daily Intakes and Daily Reference Values (11 pages)
6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to establish two sets of reference values - reference daily intakes (RDIs) and daily reference values (DRVs) - for use in declaring nutrient content in nutrition labelling. The agency is proposing: (1) to replace the current United States recommended daily allowances (U.S. RDAs) with the RDIs; (2) to establish RDIs for protein and for twenty-six vitamins and minerals; (3) to establish RDIs for five groups: adults and children 4 or more years of age, children less than 4 years of age, infants, pregnant women, and lactating women; and (4) to establish DRVs for adults and children 4 or more years of age for eight food components considered important to the maintenance of good health: fat, saturated fatty acids, unsaturated fatty acids, cholesterol, carbohydrate, fibre, sodium and potassium.
7. Objective and rationale: To assist consumers in interpreting information about the amount of a nutrient present in a food.
8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 29476, 19 July 1990; 21 CFR Parts 101 and 104. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.

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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  or address of other body: