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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 (305)
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): Bottled water
5. Title: Quality Standards for Foods with no Identity Standards; Bottled Water (4 pages)
6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to establish quality standards for seven Volatile Synthetic Organic Chemicals (VOCs) in bottled drinking water. This action follows a rulemaking by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgating new regulations of Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) in public drinking water systems for the following VOCs: Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, Para-dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, and Vinyl Chloride. Except for Para-dichlorobenzene, (where FDA is not initiating rulemaking), the FDA is proposing to adopt as quality standards for bottled water the MCLs that EPA has established for these VOCs in public drinking water.
7. Objective and rationale: Health
8. Relevant documents: 55 FR 27831, 6 July 1990; 21 CFR part 103. 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: 4 September 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: