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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: Department of Agriculture (377)
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): Cured pork products
5. Title: Use of Sorbitol in Cured Pork Products (3 pages)
6. Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service is proposing to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations to expand the list of products in which sorbitol is permitted to include cured pork products, such as Canadian style bacon and smoked pork shoulder picnic roll. The agency is also proposing to remove a prohibition against the use of sorbitol in combination with corn syrup and/or corn syrup solids.
7. Objective and rationale: To allow the use of up to 2 per cent sorbitol in such meat food products to flavour, to reduce caramelization and charring of such products when they are used in other products subject to severe heat treatment, and to facilitate removal of casings from products.
8. Relevant documents: 57 FR 35505, 10 August 1992; 9 CFR Part 318. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 9 October 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: