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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 (431)
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 and number of pages of the notified document: Quality Standards for Foods with no Identity Standards; Bottled Water (9 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Administration is proposing to amend the quality standard for bottled water to require that bottled water be free of coliform bacteria. The Administration is also addressing other matters concerning the microbiological quality of bottled water and is requesting comments on whether the Agency should establish quality standard regulations for other micro-organisms that may be present in bottled water and may pose a health risk.
7.	Objective and rationale: Health. This action is in response to a rulemaking by the Environmental Protection Agency amending the National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for Coliform Bacteria in Public Drinking Water.
8.	Relevant documents: 58 FR 52042, 6 October 1993; 21 CFR, Part 103. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: The Agency is proposing that any final rule that may be issued based upon this proposal become effective 180 days after the date of publication on the final rule in the Federal Register.
10.	Final date for comments: 6 December 1993
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: