

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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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 (433)
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [], 2.6.1 [X], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Raw meat and poultry products (HS Chapter 2)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Mandatory Safe Handling Statements on Labelling of Raw Meat and Poultry Products (18 pages)
6.	Description of content: The administration is amending the Federal Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Regulations to make safe handling instructions mandatory on all raw meat and poultry product labelling. The handling instructions include a rationale statement and address safe storage of raw product, prevention of cross-contamination, cooking of raw product, and handling of leftovers. The rule provides additional safeguards to protect consumers from exposure to possible bacterial contaminants found in raw meat and poultry products.
7.	Objective and rationale: Health; to reduce the risk of food-borne illness
8.	Relevant documents: 58 FR 52856, 12 October 1993; 9 CFR Part 317 and 381
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 15 October 1993. However, pork products other than those described in 318.10 (a) (1) will not be required to comply until 15 January 1994.
10.	Final date for comments: Not applicable
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: