

**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: Food and Drug Administration (437)
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): 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 (13 pages)
6.	Description of content: The administration is proposing to amend 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.
7.	Objective and rationale: Health; to reduce the risk of foodborne illness
8.	Relevant documents: 58 FR 58922, 4 November 1993; 9 CFR Part 317 and 381. 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: 20 December 1993
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: