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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 (442)
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): Food-contact articles
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Food Additives; Threshold of Regulation for Substances Used in Food-Contact Articles (11 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Administration is proposing to establish a process for determining when the likelihood or extent of migration to food of a substance used in a food-contact article is so trivial as not to require regulation of the substance as a food additive. Under this process, information about the proposed use of a substance will undergo an abbreviated review as opposed to the extensive review and formal issuance of a regulation normally required for food additives.
7.	Objective and rationale: Health; this proposal would regulate the use of a substance as a food additive.
8.	Relevant documents: 58 FR 52719, 12 October 1993; 21 CFR Parts 5, 25, 170, 171, and 174 and 58 FR 65139, 13 December 1993. 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: 2 February 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: