

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 (17)
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 (HS Chapter 2)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Meat Produced by Advanced Meat/Bone Separation Machinery and Meat Recovery Systems (8 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service is proposing to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations by amending the definition of meat to include as meat product resulting from advanced meat/bone separation machinery and recovery systems that do not crush, grind, or pulverize bones to remove attached skeletal tissue from the bones of livestock carcasses and parts of carcasses, establishing the criteria for meat from advanced meat/bone separation machinery and meat recovery systems to assure consistency with the characteristics and composition of meat, and establishing requirements for the handling of meat derived from advanced meat/bone separation machinery and meat recovery systems, as well as the material from which it is derived.
7.	Objective and rationale: This action is being taken to update the definition of meat to acknowledge and include as meat product derived from the advances made in the modification of traditional mechanical means of separating meat from the bones of livestock and the development of advanced recovery systems that do not involve grinding, crushing, or pulverizing bones to remove the adhering skeletal tissue.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 10246, 3 March 1994; 9 CFR Parts 301 and 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: 2 May 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: