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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 (26)
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 and colour additives and food ingredients
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Lead in Food and Colour Additives and GRAS Ingredients; Request for Data (2 pages)
6.	Description of content: The agency is announcing that it intends to take several related actions to reduce the amount of lead in food from the use of food and colour additives and food ingredients whose use is generally recognized as safe (GRAS). In this document, the agency is identifying the lead levels that it intends to propose as new, lower lead specifications for the most heavily used food and colour additives and GRAS ingredients. The agency is requesting information on whether these levels are feasible, and, if they are not, information on why higher levels will not endanger the public health, and on what levels are feasible. The agency is requesting specific data and information on the lead levels and the methods for detecting lead in these substances. Additionally, the agency is requesting information on the economic and environmental effects of lowering the lead levels.
7.	Objective and rationale: This action is part of the agency's ongoing efforts to reduce the levels of lead in food.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 23035, 4 May 1994 and 59 FR 5363, 4 February 1994; 21 CFR Parts 73, 74, 168, 172, 173, 182, and 184 and 59 FR 5363, 4 February 1994. 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: 3 August 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: