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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES

2. Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration (197)

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [ ], 7.4.1 [ ], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):

Food

5. Title: Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food

6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration is proposing regulations for using ionizing radiation for treating food; the proposed regulations would permit food to be irradiated to inhibit the growth and maturation of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, to disinfest food of insects at doses not to exceed 100 kilorads, and to disinfect spices of microbes at doses not to exceed 3 megarads. The proposed regulations would also require that records be kept for one year past the expected shelf life of the product.

7. Objective and rationale: Food safety and quality

8. Relevant documents: 49 FR 5714, 14 February 1984. To appear in the Federal Register when adopted.

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 16 April 1984

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: