

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (8) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 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, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Meat Produced by Advanced Meat/Bone Separation Machinery and Recovery Systems (8 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: In 1994, the Food Safety and Inspection Service amended its regulations to recognize that product resulting from advanced meat/bone separation machinery and recovery systems comes within the definition of meat when these recovery systems are operated to ensure that the characteristics and composition of the resulting product are consistent with those of meat. The Agency is proposing to clarify the regulations and to supplement the rules for assuring compliance. In future rulemakings, the Agency expects to apply the process control-performance standards approach of this proposal to other types of operations for manufacturing meat and poultry trimmings. This proposal is also being reported under the SPS Agreement.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer Protection.
8.	Relevant documents: 63 FR 17959, 13 April 1998; 9 CFR Parts 301, 318, and 320. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined. Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 12 June 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [x] or address, e-mail, and telefax number of other body: