

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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: Food and Drug Administration (43) 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): Food labelling
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Food Labelling: Trans Fatty Acids in Nutrition Labelling, Nutrient content Claims, and Health Claims (80 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: The Administration is proposing to amend its regulations on nutrition labeling to require that the amount of trans fatty acids present in a food, including dietary supplements, be included in the amount and percent Daily Value (%DV) declared for saturated fatty acids. The Administration is proposing that when trans fatty acids are present, the declaration of saturated fatty acids shall bear a symbol that refers to a footnote at the bottom of the nutrition label that states the number of grams of trans fatty acids present in a serving of the product. The Administration also is proposing that, wherever saturated fat limits are placed on nutrient content claims, health claims, or disclosure and disqualifying levels, the amount of trans fatty acids be limited as well. In addition, the Administration is proposing to define the nutrient content claim for "trans fat free."
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To provide information to assist consumers in maintaining healthy dietary practices.
8.	Relevant documents: 64 FR 62746, 17 November 1999; 21 CFR Part 101. 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: 15 February 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: The text is also available on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html