### General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

**NOTIFICATION**

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

1. **Party to Agreement notifying:** UNITED STATES

2. **Agency responsible:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service USDA (147)

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):** Birds

5. **Title:** Chlortetracycline treatment of psittacine birds in USDA quarantine stations.

6. **Description of content:** The proposed rule would result in a medicated feeding requirement that would: (1) control and prevent the spread of psittacosis to other birds and animals and (2) allow the bird importers to choose the method of feeding that is most convenient or cost-effective for his or her operations. It would allow the use of pelleted medicated feed rations in addition to medicated cooked grain mash presently recommended on the United States Public Health Service guidelines.

7. **Objective and rationale:** Recent research conducted by USDA indicates that pelleted medicated feed ration which contains the proper percentages of ingredients is equally, if not more, effective than the cooked grain ration in the treatment and prevention of psittacosis (chlamydiosis).


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

10. **Final date for comments:** 22 January 1982

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