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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES

2. Agency responsible: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA (180)

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):
   Pork and beef products (CCCN Chapter 2.01)

5. Title: Definitions and standards of identity or composition for miscellaneous pork products and miscellaneous beef products

6. Description of content: This proposed rule would amend the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations by adding a standard of identity or composition for products commonly known as "ground pork", or "pork burgers". The rule also proposes to adopt a standard for "pork patties". The proposed ground pork standard closely resembles the standards established for ground beef and hamburger and the proposed standards for pork patties closely resembles the standard for beef patties. This proposed rule would also amend the miscellaneous beef products section of the regulation to emphasize and clarify that the use of the term "beef" is permissible only when describing meat that is skeletal in origin or derived from the diaphragm or oesophagus of cattle and may not be used to describe meat that is derived, in whole or in part, from the tongue or the heart. Finally, the proposed rule would amend the limitations with respect to the use of mechanically separated (species) for processing so as to prohibit the use of such in ground pork, chopped pork or pork burgers.

7. Objective and rationale: Consumer protection


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

10. Final date for comments: 13 June 1983

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