### 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:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (250)

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):**
   - Meat or poultry products (CCCN: Chapters 2.01 and 2.02)

5. **Title:** Ingredients that may be Identified as Flavors or Natural Flavors when used in Meat or Poultry Products

6. **Description of content:** The Service is proposing to amend the Federal Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Regulations to better define and limit the substances which are permitted to be identified only as "flavors", "natural flavors", or "spices", on packages of meat and poultry products. The proposed rule addresses the use of substances which are often added to product for the purpose of serving as flavor enhancers, emulsifiers, stabilizers, binders, extenders and as nutrients, but are currently only identified as flavorings or spices. The proposed rule would require that when used in meat and products, these substances be identified on product labels by their common or usual names, thereby informing consumers of the origin of these materials including the species and specific animal tissues from which they are derived, if animal in origin.

7. **Objective and rationale:** Consumer health


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

10. **Final date for comments:** 19 October 1987

11. **Texts available from:** National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: 87-1300