NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES

2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (300)

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:

4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Perishable meat and poultry products (HS headings 0201, 0204 and 0207)

5. Title: Processing, Distribution, Storage and Retail Handling of Ready-to-Eat, Uncured, Perishable Meat and Poultry Products Pre-Packaged in Sealed Containers (2 pages)

6. Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service is requesting comments, information, scientific data and recommendations on whether it should propose new regulations governing ready-to-eat, uncured, perishable meat and poultry products which are packaged in a variety of sealed containers bearing a "perishable, keep-refrigerated", or similar label statement. Examples of such products include, but are not limited to, soups, sauces, pastas, salads and entrées.

7. Objective and rationale: Such products, when improperly processed or handled, pose certain unique risks to the consumer.


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

10. Final date for comments: 13 July 1990

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

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