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

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

2. Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration (342)

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):
   - Food labelling

5. Title: Food Labelling; Declaration of Ingredients (45 pages)

6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to amend its food labelling requirements to make ingredient labelling more useful for consumers. The Agency is also responding to the Nutrition Labelling and Education Act of 1990 by proposing to require listing of the common or usual names of (1) all ingredients in standardized foods and (2) all colour additives required to be certified by FDA.

   The proposed amendments will: (1) require that, when more than one sweetener is used in a product, all sweeteners be listed together in the ingredient list under the collective term "sweeteners", in the order of predominance appropriate for the sum of all sweeteners in the food; (2) permit inclusion of the food source in the names of the sweeteners defined by the food standards in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 168.110 and 168.111; (3) require the declaration of protein hydrolysates including the identification of the food source, for example, "hydrolyzed corn protein", in the list of ingredients; (4) require identification of a caseinate as a milk derivative when used in foods that claim to be non-dairy foods; (5) require that labels explain that the list of ingredients is in descending order of predominance; and (6) provide a uniform format for voluntary declaration of percentage ingredient information.

   FDA is also reproposing the proposal on labelling requirements for sulphiting agents in standardized foods that it published in 19 December 1988.

7. Objective and rationale: To make food labels more useful and understandable to consumers.

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

10. Final date for comments: 5 August 1991

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