NOTIFICATION

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 (361)

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 for human consumption

5. Title: Food Labelling - Nutrient Content Claims, Health Claims, Health Messages, Label Statements, Definition of Terms, Nutrition Labelling, and Serving Sizes (490 pages)

6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration is proposing modification of proposals in response to the recent enactment of the Nutrition Labelling and Education Act of 1990. The 18 proposals cover the following areas: (1) reference daily intakes and daily reference values - mandatory status of nutrition labelling and nutrient content revision; (2) serving sizes; (3) nutrient content claims, general principles, petitions, definition of terms; (4) definitions of nutrient content claims for the fat, fatty acid and cholesterol content of food; (5) "cholesterol free", "low cholesterol" and "... per cent fat free" claims; (6) requirements for substitute foods named by use of a nutrient content claim and a standardized term; (7) use of nutrient content claims for butter; (8) general requirements for health claims for food; (9) health claims, dietary fibre and cancer; (10) health claims, dietary fibre and cardiovascular disease; (11) health claims and label statements, folic acid and neutral tube defects; (12) health claims and label statements, antioxidant vitamins and cancer; (13) health claims, zinc and immune function in the elderly; (14) health claims and label statements, Omega-3 fatty acids and coronary heart disease; (15) health claims, calcium and osteoporosis; (16) health claims and label statements, lipids and cardiovascular disease; (17) health messages, dietary lipids and cancer; and (18) health claims and label statements, sodium/hypertension.

7. Objective and rationale: To enable consumers to make nutrition comparisons among various food products; to assist consumers in interpreting information about the amount of a nutrient present in a food; and to provide consumers with accurate nutritional and labelling information.
8. Relevant documents: 56 FR pages 60366, 60394, 60421, 60478, 60507, 60512, 60523, 60537, 60566, 60582, 60610, 60624, 60652, 60663, 60689, 60727, 60764 and 60825, 27 November 1991; 21 CFR various parts. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted. (Note: each of these proposed regulations are available separately. Please indicate number and title from Item 6 when requesting copies of individual documents).

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: The Agency is proposing that any final rule that may be issued based upon these proposals become effective six months following its publication in accordance with requirements of the Nutrition Labelling and Education Act of 1990.

10. Final date for comments: 25 February 1992

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