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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u>
2. Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration (387)
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): Bottled water
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Beverages; Bottled Water (18 pages)
6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration is proposing to amend its regulations to: establish a standard of identity for bottled water; recodify the standard of quality for bottled water; revise the definition for bottled water in the quality standard to include mineral water and ingredient uses of this product; and define "artesian water", "distilled water", "mineral water", "purified water", "spring water", and "well water". As proposed, the regulations will exempt mineral water from certain maximum allowable levels of physical and chemical contaminants if the mineral water contains total dissolved solids in excess of 500 parts per million.
7. Objective and rationale: 58 FR 393, 5 January 1993; 21 CFR Parts 103, 129, 165 and 184. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
8. Relevant documents:
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: The agency is proposing that any final rule that may be issued based upon this proposal become effective 180 days following the date of publication in the Federal Register.
10. Final date for comments: 8 March 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: