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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 (386)
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: Quality Standards for Foods with no Identity Standards; Bottled Water; Chemical Quality Standards for Copper and Lead (5 pages)
6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration is proposing to amend its standard of quality regulations for bottled water to establish a maximum level of 0.005 milligrams per litre (MG/L) as the quality standard for lead in bottled water. The Administration is also proposing to retain the existing quality standard for copper in bottled water that specifies a maximum level for this contaminant of 1.0 MG/L.
7. Objective and rationale: Public health
8. Relevant documents: 58 FR 389, 5 January 1993; 21 CFR Part 103. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: The agency intends to make any final rule based upon this proposal effective 180 days following the date of publication of the final rule 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: