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NOTIFICATION

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

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| 1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> |
| 2. Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration (385) |
| 3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 [<input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 [<input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 [<input type="checkbox"/> , 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 (7 Pages) |
| 6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration is proposing to revise its bottled water quality standard to establish or modify the allowable levels for 10 inorganic chemicals (IOCs) and 28 synthetic organic chemicals (SOCs), including 10 synthetic volatile organic chemicals (VOCs), 17 pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The Administration is also proposing to affirm the existing allowable levels in the bottled water quality standard for mercury and nitrate. The Administration is also proposing to adopt the current environmental protection agency maximum contaminant levels for paradichlorobenzene (P-Dichlorobenzene) as the allowable level for this chemical. |
| 7. Objective and rationale: Public health |
| 8. Relevant documents: 58 FR 382, 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 [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , or address of other body: |