

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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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 (420)
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 cans
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Lead-Soldered Food Cans (12 pages)
6. Description of content: The Administration is proposing to prohibit the use of lead solder in cans that contain food. This prohibition, if adopted, will apply to both domestic and imported foods. The agency tentatively concludes that available toxicological and lead exposure data demonstrate that this use of lead solder may be injurious to health. Moreover, the current daily dietary lead intakes of infants and children approach or may exceed the provisional total intake level that the agency has established for lead for these population groups. Therefore, because the use of lead solder in food cans has been found to add to lead in food, the agency is proposing not to codify in its regulations the prior sanction for this use of the ingredient.
7. Objective and rationale: Health
8. Relevant documents: 58 FR 33860, 21 June 1993; 21 CFR Part 189 and TBT/Notif.93.177. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Proposed compliance date for all affected products initially introduced or initially delivered for introduction into inter-State commerce is six months after date of publication of the final regulation in the Federal Register.
10. Final date for comments: 20 August 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: