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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 (436)
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):
*****	Folic acid (HS Chapter 2936.29)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Folic Acid (Folacin) (6 pages)
6.	Description of content: The administration is proposing to amend the Food Additive Regulations to set limitations for the use of folic acid on a per serving basis in accord with the nutrition labelling and Education Act of 1990 (the 1990 amendments); to allow for the addition of folic acid to foods for which standards of identity exist, where such standards permit the addition of folic acid; to restrict to breakfast cereals the foods, for which standards of identity do not exist, to which folic acid may be added; to continue to permit the use of folic acid in infant formulas, dietary supplements, and foods for special dietary use; and to incorporate specifications for folic acid consistent with those in the food chemicals codex.
7.	Objective and rationale: Health
8.	Relevant documents: 58 FR 53312, 14 October 1993; 21 CFR Part 172. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 13 December 1993
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: