

**GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

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 (435)
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Dietary supplements
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Food Labelling; Health Claims for Dietary Supplements (10 pages)
6.	Description of content: The administration is proposing not to authorize health claims relating to an association between fibre and cancer, fibre and heart disease, antioxidant vitamins and cancer, omega-3 fatty acids and coronary heart disease, and zinc and immune function in the elderly on the label or in the labelling of dietary supplements of vitamins, minerals, herbs, or other similar nutritional substances. The agency has tentatively determined that there is not significant scientific agreement among experts that claims on these nutrient-disease relationships are supported by the totality of publicly available scientific evidence.
7.	Objective and rationale: Health: to make it explicit that health claims on these nutrient-disease relationships are not authorized for foods in conventional food form or for dietary supplements.
8.	Relevant documents: 58 FR 53296, 14 October 1993; 21 CFR Part 101. 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 and telefax number of other body: