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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: Department of Agriculture (33)
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): Meat and poultry products (HS Chapter 2)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Nutrition Labelling; Health Claims on Meat and Poultry Products (33 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service is proposing to amend the Federal Meat and Poultry Products Inspection Regulations by proposing requirements for permitting the use of health claims that characterize the relationship of a substance (food or food component) to a disease or health-related condition on the labelling of meat and poultry products. The Agency is also proposing regulations establishing a labelling application process for such health claims. This proposal would permit health claims relating to the association between: (1) adequate calcium intake and reduced risk of osteoporosis; (2) diets low in fat and reduced risk of cancer; (3) sodium reduction and reduced risk of high blood pressure; (4) reduction in dietary saturated fat and cholesterol and reduced risk of coronary heart disease; (5) diets low in fat and high in fibre-containing grain products, fruits, and vegetables and reduced risk of cancer; (6) diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol and high in fruits, vegetables, and grain products that contain dietary fibre and reduced risk of coronary heart disease; (7) substances in diets low in fat and high in fruits and vegetables (foods that are low in fat and may contain dietary fibre, Vitamin A, or Vitamin C) and reduced risk of cancer; and (8) folate and reduced risk of neural tube birth defects.

7.	Objective and rationale: To provide consumers with accurate, informative labelling on meat and poultry products that conforms with such labelling on other foods and to permit health claims that are designed to parallel those issued by the Food and Drug Administration for other foods.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 27144, 25 May 1994; 9 CFR Parts 317 and 381. 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: 25 July 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address and telefax number of other body: