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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 (9)
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): Fish and fishery products (HS Chapter 3)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposal to Establish Procedures for the Safe Processing and Importing of Fish and Fishery Products (73 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Administration is proposing to adopt regulations to ensure the safe processing and importing of fish and fishery products (hereinafter referred to as seafood). These procedures include the monitoring of selected processes in accordance with Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Principles. HACCP is a preventive system of hazard control that can be used by food processors and importers.
7.	Objective and rationale: Health; these regulations are being proposed because a system of preventive controls is the most effective and efficient way to ensure that these products are safe.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 4142, 28 January 1994; 21 CFR Part 123 and 1240. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: The Administration proposes that any final rule that may be issued based upon this proposal become effective one year following its publication.
10.	Final date for comments: 29 March 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: