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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: Department of Agriculture (63)
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): Poultry products (HS Chapters 0207)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Poultry Products Produced by Mechanical Separation and Products in which such Poultry Products are Used (16 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Department is proposing to amend the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Regulations to prescribe a definition and standard of identity and composition for the finely comminuted poultry product that results from the mechanical separation and removal of most of the bone from poultry carcasses and parts of carcasses ("Mechanically Separated (Kind) (MS(K))" including requirements for bone solids content (measured as calcium content) and bone particle size; specify certain limitations for the use of MS(K); establish record keeping requirements for bone solids content and bone particle size; and establish labelling requirements of MS(K), and for poultry products and meat food products containing MS(K) as an ingredient.
7.	Objective and rationale: This proposed action is intended to establish the Department's requirements with respect to poultry products produced by mechanical separation, including the requirement that they be labelled as, in the case of MS(K) derived from chicken carcasses, "Mechanically separated chicken." Such action would help ensure that meat and poultry products distributed to consumers are not labelled in a false or misleading manner and are not misbranded.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 62629, 6 December 1994; 9 CFR Parts 318 and 381; TBT/Notif.93.208. 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: 6 February 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: