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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - APHIS
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Meat and poultry
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Announcement of and Request for Comment Regarding Industry Petition on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Inspection (5 pages)
5.	Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is requesting comment on a petition that asks FSIS to amend sections of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations "to increase the effectiveness" of the HACCP system and to make the regulations more consistent with the HACCP principles published in 1997 by the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Food (NACMCF). The petition is set out in this Federal Register notice. The petition was submitted by a group of trade associations. It contains no data or examples to support the requests it makes. In addition to comments from the public, FSIS will solicit comment from the members of the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI) at its 16-17 May 2000, meeting.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: The HACCP Annex to the Recommended International Code of Practice General Principles for Food Hygiene [CAC/RCP1-1969, REV3(1997)] has been adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 65 FR 30952, 15 May 2000 (Available in English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.

10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.
11.	Final date for comments: 14 July 2000 Agency or authority designated to handle comments Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.
12.	Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: United States SPS Enquiry Point/Notification Authority USDA/FAS/FSTSD Attn: Carolyn F. Wilson Room 5545 South Agriculture Building Stop 1027 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250 Phone (202) 720-2239 Fax (202) 690-0677 E-mail Address: ofsts@fas.usda.gov