

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (17) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 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, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: "Certified Organic By" Labelling on Meat and Poultry Products (2 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the availability of guidance concerning the use of the claim "certified organic by (a certifying entity)" on the labelling of meat and poultry products. The claim "certified organic by (a certifying entity)" will be permitted on the labelling of meat and poultry products if the labelling is submitted to FSIS for approval, the labelling meets certain criteria, and the labelling submitted is accompanied by specified certification documentation that has been provided by the certifying entity to the meat or poultry producer seeking labelling approval.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Interim guidelines
8.	Relevant documents: 64 FR 17607, 12 April 1999; and G/TBT/Notif.98.11 of 15 January 1998
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Not applicable Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: Not applicable
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: The text is also available on the Internet at: <a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html">http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html</a>