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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. | Agency responsible: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service |
| 3. | Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Use of any safe and suitable binder or antimicrobial agent in meat and poultry products with standards of identity or composition |
| 4. | Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners permitted to export poultry to the United States |
| 5. | Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Approving Ingredients Used in the Production of Meat and Poultry Products; English; Federal Register; 29 April 2003; Volume 68, Number 82; pages 22576-22578 http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a030429c.html |
| 6. | Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is amending its regulations to permit the use of any safe and suitable binder or antimicrobial agent in the production of meat and poultry products that are subject to a standard of identity or composition that provides for the use of such ingredients. The use of these ingredients must be consistent with any limitations or conditions of use prescribed in applicable FSIS or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations. This direct final rule will provide establishments with greater flexibility in formulating meat and poultry products. |
| 7. | 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 |
| 8. | International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: |
| 9. | Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Available in English at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oppde/rdad/FRPubs/01-032DF.html |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption: 29 April 2003 |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: 30 June 2003 |

12. Final date for comments: Direct final rule, but FSIS will accept comments

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National notification authority, ☐ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Submit comments to: Docket Clerk, USDA/FSIS, Rm. 102, 300 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-3700. Please reference docket number 01-032DF.

13. Texts available from: ☐ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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