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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Department of Agriculture (60) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 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): Food Labeling ICS 67.040
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations (4 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to establish 1 January 2008 as the uniform compliance date for new food labeling regulations that are issued between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2006. FSIS is proposing to establish a uniform compliance date to minimize the economic impact of labeling changes by providing for an orderly industry adjustment to new labeling requirements. Furthermore, FSIS is establishing the uniform compliance date to be consistent with the approach that the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has already established.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health
8.	Relevant documents: 69 Federal Register (FR) 24539, 4 May 2004; Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 317 and 381. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 6 July 2004

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- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: Internet URLs:**

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