

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Fresh pork sausage
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems - Salmonella Performance Standard for Fresh Pork Sausage (available in English, 3 pages)
5.	Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to add a Salmonella performance standard for fresh pork sausage to the Federal meat inspection regulations. On 14 November 1997, FSIS published this performance standard in a direct final rule. The Agency received an adverse comment regarding the performance standard. Accordingly, FSIS has withdrawn the performance standard regulatory amendment and is issuing this proposed rule.
6.	Objective and rationale: Food safety
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 63 FR 1800, 12 January 1998; 9 CFR Part 310
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: The date of entry into force will be announced when the final rule is published in the Federal Register.

11. Final date for comments: 11 February 1998

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA

12. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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