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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: Food and Drug Administration - FDA
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: Food additives
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption; Acidified Sodium Chlorite (2 pages)
5.	Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of acidified sodium chlorite solutions as an antimicrobial agent on processed, comminuted or formed meat food products (unless precluded by United States Department of Agriculture's standards of identity) prior to packaging of the food for commercial purposes in accordance with current industry standards of good manufacturing practice. This action is in response to a petition received by FDA.
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: Hypochlorite is listed as a microorganism control agent in Codex's inventory of control agents.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 66 FR 31840, 13 June 2001 (Available in English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: This rule is effective 13 June 2001.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: This rule is effective 13 June 2001.
11.	Final date for comments: Submit written objections and requests for a hearing by 13 July 2001. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Food and Drug Administration <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: The full text, which includes instructions for submitting objections and request for hearing, 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:

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