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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: 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 may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Animal tissue testing
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Residue policy (2 pages)
5.	Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to harmonize its procedures with those of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with respect to the target tissue/marker residue policy in testing animal tissues for residues of new animal drugs. FSIS has reviewed its approach regarding the disposition of carcasses containing residues and has determined that its approach is not consistent with FDA's approach. To ensure that meat containing unsafe levels of chemical residues is not being released into commerce, FSIS intends to modify its approach to testing and disposition of carcasses for violative residues to be more consistent with FDA's target tissue/marker residue policy.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 66 FR 40964, 6 August 2001 (available in English).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.
11.	Final date for comments: Comments may be submitted by no later than 5 September 2001. FSIS will review comments and address them in another notice. That notice will come when the procedural changes addressed in this notice are effective. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification

authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA. Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which 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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