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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: Food and Drug Administration - FDA |
| 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): Colour additives |
| 4. | Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners |
| 5. | Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Listing of Colour Additives Exempt From Certification; Sodium Copper Chlorophyllin (2 pages - English) |
| 6. | Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the colour additive regulations to provide for the safe use of sodium copper chlorophyllin as a colour additive in citrus-based dry beverage mixes. This action is in response to a petition filed in March 2000 and inadvertently not notified to the WTO. |
| 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: 67 FR 35429, 20 May 2002, available in English |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption: This rule is effective 20 June 2002; except as to any provisions that may be stayed by the filing of proper objections |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: Same as paragraph 10 |

- 12. Final date for comments:** Submit written or electronic objections and requests for a hearing by 19 June 2002. The full text, which includes instructions for submitting objections and requests for hearing, will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 13.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Food and Drug Administration
[] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

- 13. 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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