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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: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (10) 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): Beef Products (ICS 67) (HS Chapter 0201)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Product Labelling: Defining United States Cattle and United States Fresh Beef Products (3 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is requesting comments on the need for regulations to clarify the definition of "United States cattle" and "United States fresh beef products" for labelling purposes. FSIS is also requesting comments on whether such beef products should bear labelling claims that are different from the claims that are permitted under the Agency's current policy on beef products that are made from animals that are documented to have been born, raised, slaughtered and prepared in the United States or that have been produced in the United States.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To substantiate labelling claims for beef.
8.	Relevant documents: 66 Federal Register (FR) 41160, 7 August 2001; Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 317 and 327. 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: 9 October 2001
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: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html