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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: Crustaceans and processed crustaceans
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: The National Fisheries Institute; Filing of Food Additive Petition - Ionizing Radiation (1 page)
5.	Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that the National Fisheries Institute has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of ionizing radiation for control of foodborne pathogens in crustaceans and processed crustaceans. Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition has been filed. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in Part 179 Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food (21 CFR part 179) to provide for the safe use of ionizing radiation for control of foodborne pathogens in raw-, frozen-, cooked-, partially cooked-, shelled-, or dried-crustaceans, or cooked- or ready-to-cook crustaceans processed with batter, breading, spices, or small amounts of other food ingredients.
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 9086, 6 February 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: Food and Drug Administration
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: The full text 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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