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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: Allergenic ingredients
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Guidance on Inspection of Firms Producing Food Products Susceptible to Contamination with Allergenic Ingredients (2 pages plus guidance document)
5.	Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of an inspection guidance entitled "Guidance on Inspections of Firms Producing Food Products Susceptible to Contamination with Allergenic Ingredients". This guidance will assist FDA investigators and inspectors in evaluating conditions that may result in the introduction of undeclared allergens in foods.
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 42869 of 15 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: Submit written or electronic comments on this guide at any time. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: Food and Drug Administration The full text, which includes instructions for commenting, and the guidance document will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.

12. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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