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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 24 May 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States.

Interim Final Rule: Regulation Implementing Title III of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; Section 307: Prior Notice of Imported Food (Docket. No. 2002N-0278)

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extending for 60 days the comment period on the FDA Prior Notice Interim Final Rule (IFR) that appeared in the Federal Register of 10 October 2003 (68 FR 58974). The prior notice interim final rule requires the submission to FDA of prior notice of food, including animal feed, that is imported or offered for import into the United States. FDA reopened the comment period for 30 days in the Federal Register of 14 April 2004, to ensure that those who comment on this interim final rule would have had the benefit of our outreach and education efforts and would have had some experience with the systems, timeframes, and data elements of the prior notice system. In response to a request from the Government of Canada, FDA is extending the comment period for an additional 60 days. Accordingly, the comment period for the prior notice rulemaking is extended to 13 July 2004.

Submit written or electronic comments by 13 July 2004. Submit written comments on the document to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, U.S.A. It is possible to submit electronic comments to: <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. Submit comments by indicating DOCKET Number 2002N-0278 and title of document "Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002."

The complete text of the Notice contained in the Federal Register (FR), 69 FR 28060 (available in English) can be found in the Internet at

<http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/04-11247.htm>
<http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/04-11247.pdf>

In addition, the document can be obtained from Ms. May D. Nelson, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-24), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740, Tel. 301-436-1722.

Further information can be found on the FDA web site at
<http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html>