

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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: Food and Drug Administration (47) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can 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): Food labelling
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labelling Regulations (2 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Administration is proposing to establish 1 January 1998, as its new uniform compliance date for all food labelling regulations that are issued after the publication of a final rule based on this proposal and before 1 January 1997. The Administration has periodically announced uniform compliance dates for new food labelling requirements to minimize the economic impact of label changes. In 1992, the Administration suspended this practice pending the issuance of regulations implementing the Nutrition Labelling and Education Act of 1990 (the 1990 Amendments).
7.	Objective and rationale: To establish a new uniform compliance date for food labelling regulations.
8.	Relevant documents: 61 FR 16422, 15 April 1996; 21 CFR Part 1. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: The Administration is proposing that 1 January 1998, be the new uniform compliance date for food labelling regulations published after the publication of a final rule based on this proposal and before 1 January 1997, except as otherwise provided in individual regulations. Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 1 July 1996
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: