NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), Department of Agriculture (USDA) [1502]  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point  Email: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **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):** Meat and poultry; Meat and edible meat offal (HS 02); Packaging machinery (ICS 55.200), Processes in the food industry (ICS 67.020), Meat, meat products and other animal produce (ICS 67.120), Prepackaged and prepared foods (ICS 67.230) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Rescission of Dual Labeling Requirements for Certain Packages of Meat and Poultry (4 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend its labeling regulations to remove provisions that require packages of meat or poultry products that contain at least one pound or one pint, but less than four pounds or one gallon, to express the net weight or net contents in two different units of measurement on the product label. FSIS is taking this action in response to a petition submitted on behalf of a small meat processing establishment. After reviewing these provisions, FSIS has determined that it is not necessary for labels of any meat or poultry products to bear dual statements of weight or content, using more than one unit of measurement, to convey the accurate weight or amount of the product to consumers. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Cost saving and productivity enhancement |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * 84 Federal Register (FR) 15989, 17 April 2019; Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 317 and 38; https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-04-17/html/2019-07634.htm; <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-04-17/pdf/2019-07634.pdf> * G/TBT/N/USA/1434 - Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 17 June 2019 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/USA/19_2525_00_e.pdf> |