

SPS/TBT Notifications Affecting Agricultural Trade

Listed below are proposed changes in international agricultural, food and related standards as notified via the World Trade Organization; The first table provides a summary of all notifications; Individual details follow separately. Interested parties may obtain a full text of any notification for review and COMMENT; simply check the "Request a Copy" check box next to the Notification and return by fax (202) 690-0677 to the attention of Deborah A. Thompson, Food Safety Technical Services Division in USDA/FAS.

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FSTSD # 00.0309.A2 **Country -** Singapore **Product** Withdrawal of Ban on Pork and Pork Produ
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS SGP/12/A2

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM 2 reads: The Agri-food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore hereby notifies that notification G/SPS/N/SGP/12/Add.1 regarding suspension of import of pork, beef, venison and their products from the Republic of South Africa has been withdrawn with immediate effect, following the OIE's recognition on 31 May 2002 that the Republic of South Africa has regained its previously recognized FMD-free status zone without vaccination.

FSTSD # 01.0142.A1 **Country -** Singapore **Product** Suspension on Import of Meat from Argenti
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS SGP/16/A1

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: The Agri-food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore hereby notifies that notification G/SPS/N/SGP/16 regarding suspension of import of meat from Argentina has been withdrawn with immediate effect, following the OIE's recognition on 28 May 2002 of

FSTSD # 01.0142.A1 **Country** - Singapore **Product** Suspension on Import of Meat from Argentina's FMD-free status zone without vaccination, of the zone situated south of the 42° parallel South.

FSTSD # 02.0044.A1 **Country** - United States of A **Product** Pesticide: Oxadixyl
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - 07/10/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS USA/550/A
Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: This Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) document (final rule) revokes all tolerances for the combined residues of the fungicide oxadixyl and its desmethyl metabolite. The regulatory actions in this document are part of the Agency's reregistration program under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and the tolerance reassessment requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) section 408(q), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. By law, EPA is required by August 2002 to reassess 66% of the tolerances in existence on August 2, 1996, or about 6,400 tolerances. The regulatory actions in this document pertain to the revocation of 14 tolerances which are counted among tolerance/exemption reassessments made toward the August 2002 review deadline.

This regulation is effective July 10, 2002; however, the tolerance revocations will not occur until the date specified in the regulatory text. Objections and requests for hearings must be received by EPA on or before September 9, 2002.

The full text of this addendum (final rule), including instructions for submitting objections and requests for hearings, is available from the address below.

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FSTSD # 02.0102.A1 **Country** - United States of A **Product** Change in Disease Status of Finland Becau
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - 12/07/01 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS USA/565/A
Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA is adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule (notified as G/SPS/N/USA/565) that amended the regulations by adding Finland to the list of regions where bovine spongiform encephalopathy exists because the disease had been detected in a native-born animal in that region. Finland had already been listed among the regions that presents an undue risk of introducing bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States, so the effect of the interim rule was a continued restriction on the importation of ruminants, meat, meat products, and certain other products of ruminants that have been in Finland. The interim rule was necessary in order to update the disease status of Finland regarding bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

The interim rule became effective on December 7, 2001

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated July 11, 2002, has been received from the United States.

ADDENDUM 1 TO G/SPS/N/USA/566 - Change in Disease Status of Austria Because of BSE

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA is adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule (notified as G/SPS/N/USA/566) that amended the regulations by adding Austria to the list of regions where bovine spongiform encephalopathy exists because the disease had been detected in a native-born animal in that region. Austria had already been listed among the regions that present an undue risk of introducing bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States, so the effect of the interim rule was a continued restriction on the importation of ruminants, meat, meat products, and certain other products of ruminants that have been in Austria. The interim rule was necessary in order to update the disease status of Austria regarding bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

The interim rule became effective on December 13, 2001.

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FSTSD # 02.0103.A1 **Country** - United States of A **Product** Change in Disease Status of Austria Becau
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - 12/31/01 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS USA/566/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA is adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule (notified as G/SPS/N/USA/566) that amended the regulations by adding Austria to the list of regions where bovine spongiform encephalopathy exists because the disease had been detected in a native-born animal in that region. Austria had already been listed among the regions that present an undue risk of

FSTSD # 02.0103.A1 **Country** - United States of A **Product** Change in Disease Status of Austria Becau introducing bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States, so the effect of the interim rule was a continued restriction on the importation of ruminants, meat, meat products, and certain other products of ruminants that have been in Austria. The interim rule was necessary in order to update the disease status of Austria regarding bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

The interim rule became effective on December 13, 2001.

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FSTSD # 02.0105.A1 **Country** - United States of A **Product** Change in Disease Status of Greece with re
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - 07/18/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS USA/568/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: APHIS is amending the regulations to add Greece to the list of regions that are considered free of rinderpest and foot-and-mouth disease. We are taking this action because we have determined that Greece is now free of foot-and-mouth disease. We are also adding Greece to the list of regions that are subject to certain import restrictions on meat or meat products because of their proximity to or trading relationships with rinderpest- or foot-and-mouth-disease-affected regions. These actions update the disease status of Greece with regard to foot-and-mouth disease while continuing to protect the United States from an introduction of this disease by providing additional requirements for any meat and meat products imported into the United States from Greece.

The effective date is July 18, 2002.

The full text of this addendum (final rule) is available from the address below.

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FSTSD # 02.0267 **Country** - Peru **Product** Animals, Products and By-products of Poul
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - 06/18/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS PER/41

Objective - Animal Health

Description - A temporary suspension for a period of 180 days of imports of live poultry (commercial birds, backyard poultry, fighting birds, wildfowl and ornamental cage birds), fertile eggs, eggs for consumption, poultry meat, other poultry products and by products from Chile and the United States.

FSTSD # 02.0267 Country - Peru Product Animals, Products and By-products of Poultry

The import of products of poultry origin and by-products will be permitted provided that they meet the animal health requirements laid down by the SENASA in order to prevent the entry and dissemination of the Avian Influenza Virus in Peru.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: To protect the health situation of poultry in Peru as Avian Influenza is a disease that has not been reported in Peru.

FSTSD # 02.0268 Country - Costa Rica Product Seeds for Sowing Melon and Watermelon

Comment Deadline Date - Enforcement Date - June 2002 WTO Type/Number - SPS CRI/27

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - Establishes phytosanitary regulations for authorizing the import of melon and watermelon seeds into Costa Rica, specifically to prevent contamination by bacteria (watermelon fruit blotch).

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: Phytosanitary Measure SFE/05-02, for the prevention of the bacteria known as "bacterial fruit blotch of watermelon and melon" *Acidovorax avenae* subsp. *Citrulli*.

FSTSD # 02.0269 Country - Argentina Product Animals & Plants and Their Products

Comment Deadline Date - 8/19/02 Enforcement Date - 08/19/02 WTO Type/Number - SPS ARG/67

Objective - Food Safety, Animal Health, Plant Protection, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease, Protect Territory from Other Damage from Pests

Description - This standard regulates the establishment of sanitary and phytosanitary requirements and operating procedures for the import of animals, reproductive material, life precursors, animal health and biological products, fertilizers, animal feed, plants or parts thereof, soil conditioners, organic nutrients and/or growth enhancers, biological control mechanisms, products, by-products and derivatives of animal and/or plant origin, and goods and/or inputs composed of or containing ingredients of animal and/or plant origin.

FSTSD # 02.0270 Country - Argentina Product Animals & Plants and Their Products

Comment Deadline Date - 8/19/02 Enforcement Date - 08/19/02 WTO Type/Number - SPS ARG/68

Objective - Food Safety, Animal Health, Plant Protection, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease, Protect Territory from Other Damage from Pests

Description - This standard regulates the establishment of sanitary and phytosanitary requirements and operating procedures for the import of animals, reproductive material, life precursors, animal health and biological products, fertilizers, animal feed, plants or parts thereof, soil conditioners, organic nutrients and/or growth enhancers, biological control mechanisms, products, by-products and derivatives of animal and/or plant origin, and goods and/or inputs composed of or containing ingredients of animal and/or plant origin.

FSTSD # 02.0271 Country - Colombia Product Apples, Pears, Peaches and Nectarines from

Comment Deadline Date - Enforcement Date - WTO Type/Number - SPS COL/57

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - This Resolution suspends the issue of documentation or licences with phytosanitary requirements. The suspension shall remain in force until the ICA receives official and updated information on preventive and corrective measures.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: The codling moth (*Cydia pomonella*) and the oriental fruit moth (*Cydia molesta*), classified as quarantine pests in Colombia, have been detected in shipments of apples, pears, peaches and nectarines from Chile.

FSTSD # 02.0272 Country - Colombia Product Panela Cane Sugar, Fruit trees, Coffee and

FSTSD # 02.0272 **Country -** Colombia **Product** Panela Cane Sugar, Fruit trees, Coffee and
Comment Deadline Date - 7/31/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS COL/58
Objective - Food Safety, Protect Territory from Other Damage from Pests
Description - This Resolution prohibits the packaging of panela in rusque (leaves from the sugar cane-producing area) for transport and marketing purposes. It requires panela to be transported in boxes made of cardboard, paper, plastic or treated wood. It prohibits producers and carriers from spreading and leaving plant residues and makes it compulsory for the owners and administrators of panela cane crops and panela producers and carriers to allow ICA officials to have access to their land and to inspect their transport equipment.

FSTSD # 02.0273 **Country -** Colombia **Product** Agricultural Related Products
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 06/11/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS COL/59
Objective - Animal Health
Description - An Andean animal health certificate will not be required for import or export purposes, unless requested by the importing country, for the animals and animal products mentioned in section 3. The entry of cats from countries with reported cases of bovine or feline spongiform encephalopathy is prohibited and rabies and feline panleucopenia vaccination certificates must be provided. For dogs, valid certificates must be provided of vaccination against rabies, canine distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis and parvovirus. Animals and animal products not covered by this resolution require an Andean animal health certificate for import purposes, valid for 90 days from the date of issue.

FSTSD # 02.0274 **Country -** Colombia **Product** Bovine Animals, Swine, Other Susceptible
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS COL/60
Objective - Animal Health
Description - Temporarily suspends the issue of animal health documents for the import of bovine animals, swine, other susceptible species and the products thereof that pose a risk.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: According to reports received from the Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Centre and the Ecuadorian Agricultural Health Service (SESA), outbreaks of the Type "O" strain of Foot and Mouth Disease have occurred in the province of Esmeralda and Type "A" outbreaks have occurred in the province of Imbabura, Ecuador.

FSTSD # 02.0275 **Country -** Colombia **Product** Suspends Issue of Animal Health Documen
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 06/11/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS COL/61
Objective - Animal Health
Description - This Resolution suspends the issue of animal health documents for the import of one-day old chicks, adult poultry, other susceptible species and the products thereof which pose a risk of transmission of velogenic Newcastle disease. The Autonomous Agricultural Health Service (SASA) is requested to provide periodical information about existing cases.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: Outbreaks of velogenic Newcastle disease have been recorded in commercial broiler chicken farms located in the municipalities of Maracaibo and Urdaneta in the State of Zulia. Colombia has a velogenic Newcastle disease control and eradication programme; it is therefore necessary to adopt appropriate measures.

FSTSD # 02.0276 **Country -** Colombia **Product** One-day Old Chicks, Adult Poultry and Oth
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS COL/62
Objective - Animal Health
Description - This Resolution suspends for a period of three months the issue of animal health documents for the import of one-day old chicks, adult poultry, other susceptible species and the products thereof. It applies to the province of San Antonio, Valparaiso.

FSTSD # 02.0276 **Country -** Colombia **Product** One-day Old Chicks, Adult Poultry and Oth
EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action:
There have been no cases of Avian Influenza in Colombia and it is necessary to prevent its introduction into the country in order to protect national poultry farming. It has been observed over time that the low-pathogenic strains of the Avian Influenza virus can undergo mutations under field conditions and become highly pathogenic. There is a risk that the international movement of poultry and products thereof could lead to the introduction of Avian Influenza into the Colombian poultry industry.

FSTSD # 02.0277 **Country -** Mexico **Product** Production and Transportation of the Blue V
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS MEX/188

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - The aim of this Mexican Official Standard is to establish phytosanitary measures for the propagation, production and transportation of the blue variety of the Weber tequilana agave, in order to preserve and improve the phytosanitary status of this product in the area corresponding to the Designation of Origin of Tequila (DOT). This Standard is mandatory throughout the national territory for natural and legal persons involved in producing agave propagative material in mother orchards, laboratories, nurseries and greenhouses, as well as those involved in the production, marketing and industrialization of agave.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action:
It is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food to prevent the spread of plant diseases and to perform phytosanitary control on the transportation of plants, plant products or by-products and causal agents of phytosanitary problems.

The Ministry is also responsible for monitoring phytosanitary aspects relating to the production, industrialization, marketing and transportation of plants and plant products and by-products.

There have been outbreaks of a pest complex in some municipalities in the State of Jalisco, affecting agave plantations, diagnosed by the National Phytosanitary Reference Centre of the General Directorate of Plant Health as *Erwina carotovora* and *Fusarium oxysporum*.

The aforementioned pests are transmitted by the agave propagative plant material and can go undetected during transportation and the establishment of new agave plantations in the DOT territory. Consequently, the proper application of phytosanitary measures during the production and marketing process is required.

The phytosanitary quality and health of agave propagative material plays a decisive role in the health of crops during the various phenological stages. Consequently, a registration and certification programme for agave is required to guarantee the health and origin of the product, with the primary aim of improving and encouraging the production and use of agave propagative material that is free of phytosanitary problems.

Only through a joint effort and the involvement of producers, laboratories, nursery owners, carriers, traders, the federal, State and municipal authorities and the general population, will it be possible to perform an effective phytosanitary control of the pests affecting agave and prevent their spread. This Ministry has decided to issue, as a matter of urgency, Mexican Official Standard NOM-EM-037-FITO-2002, Phytosanitary Specifications for the Production and Transportation of the Blue Variety of the Weber Tequila Agave.

FSTSD # 02.0278 **Country -** New Zealand **Product** Fresh Tomato Fruit (*Lycopersicon esculent*
Comment Deadline Date - 8/31/02 **Enforcement Date -** 05/27/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS NZL/175

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - On 2 May 2001, New Zealand received a proposal from Australia that New Zealand consider

FSTSD # 02.0278 **Country** - New Zealand **Product** Fresh Tomato Fruit (*Lycopersicon esculentum*)
a series of independent measures (systems approach), each effective at reducing the likelihood of the introduction of Queensland fruit fly, to enable the export of all varieties (previously only 5 varieties had been approved) of Australian tomatoes in lieu of having to undertake further and ongoing research on the efficacy of the post harvest chemical dip treatment. The proposal was prepared in accordance with the then draft relevant international standard (which has now been adopted).

As these are trade-facilitating measures negotiated and agreed with Australia, the system has been approved and trade allowed to commence from the 27 May 2002. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standard if necessary.

FSTSD # 02.0279 **Country** - European Union **Product** Food and Water Contact Materials
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - 07/31/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS EEC/167
Objective - Food Safety. To facilitate trade
Description - The legislative proposal is an official codification of Directive 90/128/EEC and incorporates on a single text the amendments made in Directives 1992/39/EEC, 1993/9/EC, 1995/3/EC, 1996/11/EC, 1999/91/EC, 2001/62/EC and 2002/17/EC.

FSTSD # 02.0280 **Country** - European Union **Product** Food Additives other than Colours and Sweeteners
Comment Deadline Date - 9/2/02 **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - SPS EEC/168
Objective - Food Safety. Adoption of the purity criteria which will then become of a mandatory nature.
Description - This draft sets the technical specifications for a number of food additives currently covered by EP and Council Directive 95/2/EC.

FSTSD # 02.0281 **Country** - European Union **Product** Azoxystrobin Residue on Fruits and Vegetables
Comment Deadline Date - 9/2/02 **Enforcement Date** - 03/31/03 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS EEC/169
Objective - Food Safety
Description - The draft Directive modifies provisional MRLs for azoxystrobin. This new active substance is used as a fungicide only and was included in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC. MRLs for azoxystrobin residues in and on all commodities covered by Directive 90/642/EEC are established in this Directive as amended in particular by previous Commission Directives: 1999/71/EC, 2000/48/EC, 2001/48/EC and 2002/23/EC.

FSTSD # 02.0282 **Country** - Bolivia **Product** Birds and Products from Chile - AI
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date** - 05/31/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS BOL/2
Objective - Animal Health
Description - The resolution strictly prohibits the import of eggs, all species of birds, poultry products and by-products, foodstuffs for human or animal consumption containing poultry-derived ingredients (eggs, meat, entrails, bird offal, bones and feathers) originating from the Republic of Chile, for a period of 90 days commencing immediately, in order to prevent the introduction into Bolivia of Avian Influenza.

FSTSD # 02.0283 **Country** - Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen **Product** Sodium Selenite
Comment Deadline Date - 8/9/02 **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - SPS TPKM/5
Objective - Food Safety
Description - Revision of the application standard for sodium selenite on foods.

FSTSD # 02.0284 **Country** - New Zealand **Product** Table grapes (*Vitis vinifera*)
Comment Deadline Date - 8/31/02 **Enforcement Date** - 07/15/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS NZL/176
Objective - Plant Protection
Description - On 26 November 2001, New Zealand received a formal request from the New Zealand-based fresh produce importers group to develop an import health standard for Italian table

FSTSD # 02.0284 **Country -** New Zealand **Product** Table grapes (*Vitis vinifera*)
grapes as an alternate northern hemisphere supply country.

New Zealand has developed an import health standard which includes the following phytosanitary measures:

- Surveillance for freedom of specified pests;
- "In-field" pest control activities;
- Inspection of the export consignment; and
- Application of a post harvest cold disinfestation treatment (conducted prior to export or in transit) for Mediterranean fruit fly (*Ceratitis capitata*).

As these are trade-facilitating measures negotiated and agreed with Italy, it is anticipated that the import health standard will be approved shortly and trade allowed to commence from 15 July 2002. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standard if necessary.

FSTSD # 02.0285 **Country -** Korea **Product** Fruit Tree Seeds and Seedlings and Grain
Comment Deadline Date - 9/13/02 **Enforcement Date -** 05/15/03 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS KOR/112

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - (a)MAF/NPQS will add "the seeds of fruit trees, and the seedlings, scions and cuttings of cherry tree or *Rosa* spp." to the lists which are subject to post-entry quarantine inspection, in order to protect the domestic fruits industry from latent regulated pests such as Virus, etc.

(b)MAF/NPQS will add " the stems, leaves and their processed goods of *Hordeum* spp., *Triticum* spp. and *Triticosecale* spp., and the simply processed goods of *Agropyron* spp." to the list of prohibited items which are produced in the regions where *Mayetiola destructor* S. is distributed, because they are hosts of *Mayetiola destructor* S.

FSTSD # 02.0286 **Country -** China **Product** Swine, Wild Boar and Their Products from
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 05/28/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CHN/12

Objective - Animal Health

Description - Due to the recent outbreaks of Classical Swine Fever (CSF) in France, to prevent CSF from being introduced into China an emergency interim sanitary measure shall be taken to suspend the importation of swine, wild boar and their products originating in France.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:
To prevent CSF from being introduced into China.

FSTSD # 02.0287 **Country -** Australia **Product** Fresh Bananas from Philippines
Comment Deadline Date - 8/30/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS AUS/141

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - This draft import risk analysis report describes the procedures followed to identify and assess the quarantine risks associated with imports to Australia of mature (hard, green) fresh Cavendish banana fruit from specified areas in the Philippines. It presents recommendations in relation to proposed quarantine measures to address those risks.

FSTSD # 02.0288 **Country -** Belarus **Product** Fish Products
Comment Deadline Date - 9/5/02 **Enforcement Date -** 12/01/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS BLR/1

Objective - Food Safety

Description - Hygienic requirements for on-shore fish-processing enterprises and ships manufacturing fish products regardless of departmental affiliation and form of ownership, except plants and workshops producing products for children's food and special destinations.

FSTSD # 02.0289 **Country -** Belarus **Product** Milk and Milk Products

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Comment Deadline Date - 9/5/02 **Enforcement Date -** 12/01/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS BLR/2

Objective - Food Safety

Description - Hygienic requirements for the production and laboratory testing of milk and milk products to ensure manufactured products meet hygienic requirements for the quality and safety.

FSTSD # 02.0290 **Country -** Belarus **Product** Bread, Bread Products and Confectionery
Comment Deadline Date - 9/5/02 **Enforcement Date -** 12/01/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS BLR/3

Objective - Food Safety

Description - Hygienic requirements for enterprises manufacturing bread, bread products and confectionery.

FSTSD # 02.0291 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Ruminants, meat, meat products, and certa
Comment Deadline Date - 8/30/02 **Enforcement Date -** 05/05/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/614

Objective - Animal Health

Description - The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is amending the regulations by adding Poland to the list of regions where bovine spongiform encephalopathy exists because the disease has been detected in a native-born animal in that region. Poland has been listed among the regions that present an undue risk of introducing bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States. Therefore, the effect of this action is a continued restriction on the importation of ruminants, meat, meat products, and certain other products of ruminants that have been in Poland. This action is necessary in order to update the disease status of Poland regarding bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:
This rulemaking is necessary on an emergency basis to update the disease status of Poland regarding BSE.

FSTSD # 02.0292 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Imported Horses
Comment Deadline Date - 8/30/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/615

Objective - Animal Health

Description - The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is proposing to amend the regulations pertaining to the importation of horses to establish standards for the approval of permanent, privately owned quarantine facilities for horses. APHIS is taking this action because recent demand for quarantine services for horses has exceeded the space available at existing facilities. We believe that allowing imported horses to be quarantined in permanent, privately owned horse quarantine facilities that meet these criteria would facilitate the importation of horses while continuing to protect against the introduction of communicable diseases of horses.

FSTSD # 02.0293 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Direct Food Additives-Neotame
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 07/09/02 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/616

Objective - Food Safety

Description - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is amending the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of neotame as a nonnutritive sweetener in food. This action is in response to petitions. The notices of the petitions were published in the Federal Register in 1998 and 1999 but were not notified.

FSTSD # 02.0294 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Clementines
Comment Deadline Date - 9/9/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/617

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to amend the fruits and vegetables regulations to allow the importation of clementines from Spain to resume if the clementines are cold treated en route to the United States, and provided that other pre-

FSTSD # 02.0294 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Clementines

treatment and post-treatment requirements are met. These requirements would include provisions that the clementines be grown in accordance with a Mediterranean fruit fly management program established by the Government of Spain, that the clementines be subject to an inspection regimen that includes fruit cutting prior to, and after, cold treatment, and that the clementines meet other conditions designed to protect against the introduction of the Mediterranean fruit fly into the United States. We are proposing this action based on our finding that the restrictions described in this proposed rule will reduce the risk of introduction of Mediterranean fruit fly and other plant pests associated with the importation of clementines from Spain.

FSTSD # 99.0173.A1 **Country -** United States of A **Product** Swine and Swine Products from EU
Comment Deadline Date - 7/17/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/171/A
Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA is reopening and extending the comment period for a revised analysis (notified as Rev. 1 to G/SPS/N/USA/171) of the risk of introducing classical swine fever virus in swine and swine products imported from the European Union. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

APHIS will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 17,2002.

The full text of this addendum, including instructions for commenting, is available from the address below.

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FSTSD # 02.0090 **Country -** India **Product** Non-Vegetarian Food
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 10/04/01 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT IND/2

Objective - To provide correct information to consumers about the nature of food being purchased by them for consumption.

Description - Labelling provisions on packed Non-vegetarian food.

FSTSD # 02.0091 **Country -** India **Product** All packed and bottled Food Items
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 11/20/01 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT IND/3

Objective - To provide correct information to consumers and information for regulation for sale and/or import

Description - Amendments to the Labelling provision relating to name and complete address of the manufacturer, manufacturing units and importers.

FSTSD # 02.0092 **Country -** India **Product** All packed and/or bottled food Items
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 09/01/00 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT IND/4

Objective - To provide correct information to consumers about the nature of food being purchased by them.

Description - Labelling provision to indicate permitted natural/synthetic colour(s) and flavour(s) and also for mentioning "best before" on the label of food products.

FSTSD # 02.0093 **Country -** India **Product** Mineral Water

Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 03/29/01 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT IND/5

Objective - Consumer protection and compliance of legislation applicable to domestic products.

Description - (A) Labelling requirement: "Every package of mineral water shall carry the following declaration in capital letters having the size of each letter as prescribed in Rule 36 of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955: NATURAL MINERAL WATER".

(B) Quality Standards: Packaged Mineral water to be subjected to mandatory quality certification by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) so as to comply with the standards prescribed in Prevention of Food Adulteration (6th Amendment) Rules, 2000 as published vide Notification no. G.S.R 759(E) 29 September 2000.

FSTSD # 02.0094 **Country -** India **Product** Packaged Drinking Water

Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 03/29/01 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT IND/6

Objective - Consumer protection and compliance of legislation applicable to domestic products.

Description - (A) Labelling requirement: "Every package of drinking water shall carry the following declaration in capital letters having the size of each letter as prescribed in Rule 36 of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955: PACKAGED DRINKING WATER"

(B) Quality Standards: Packaged Drinking water to be subjected to mandatory quality certification by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) so as to comply with the standards prescribed in Prevention of Food Adulteration (7th Amendment) Rules, 2000 as published vide Notification no. G.S.R 760(E) dated 29 September 2000.

FSTSD # 02.0095 **Country -** India **Product** Vegetarian Food

Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 06/20/02 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT IND/7

Objective - To provide correct information to consumers about the nature of food being purchased by them for consumption.

Description - Labelling provisions on packed Vegetarian Food.

FSTSD # 02.0096 **Country -** India **Product** All Packaged Food Products

Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 07/30/02 **WTO Type/Number -** TBT IND/8

Objective - Consumer Protection

Description - Import of all edible/food products which are covered under the domestic legislation namely Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 have been made subject to the condition that, at the time of the importation, the products are having a valid shelf life of not less than 60 per cent of its original shelf life.

FSTSD # 02.0097 **Country -** Japan **Product** Macaroni Products-Labeling

Comment Deadline Date - 8/28/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** TBT JPN/48

Objective - Protection of the consumers' interest

Description - The Standard for Labelling on Quality of Macaroni Products is amended to enable macaroni, as well as spaghetti, vermicelli and noodle of their like, to be labelled as "macaroni products."

FSTSD # 02.0098 **Country -** Venezuela **Product** Foodstuffs-Labeling

Comment Deadline Date - 7/15/02 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** TBT VEN/9

Objective - Human Health

Description - Guidelines for the written, printed or graphic matter on labels and other tags and stickers identifying packaged foods for human consumption, whether produced domestically or abroad.

NOTE: FSTSD has the text available in Spanish.

End of Report.