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**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade** 

## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- 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) [1458]

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: <u>usatbtep@nist.gov</u>

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other: [X]
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food labeling; Food products in general (ICS 67.040), Meat, meat products and other animal produce (ICS 67.120).
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations (2 page(s), in English)
- 6. Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is establishing 1 January 2022, as the uniform compliance date for new meat and poultry product labeling regulations that will be issued between 1 January 2019, and 31 December 2020. FSIS periodically announces uniform compliance dates for new meat and poultry product labeling regulations to minimize the economic impact of label changes.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling
- 8. Relevant documents:
  - 83 Federal Register (FR) 63052, 7 December 2018; Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 317 and 381.
- 9. Proposed date of adoption: 7 December 2018Proposed date of entry into force: 7 December 2018
- **10.** Final date for comments: 7 January 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/2018/TBT/USA/18 6493 00 e.pdf