

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u>
2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (320)
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ], 2.6.1 [ <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 [ <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 [ <input type="checkbox"/> , Other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Dry-cured ham and dry sausage (HS chapters 1601 and 1602.41)
5. Title: Additional Methods for Destroying Trichinae in Dry-cured Ham and Dry Sausage (6 pages)
6. Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been petitioned to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations to provide additional methods for processing dry sausage and dry-cured ham to destroy Trichinae (Trichinella Spiralis Larvae) which may be encysted in pork. FSIS has been petitioned to add one Trichina destruction method for two size ranges of dry sausages and two Trichina destruction methods for dry-cured ham. FSIS is proposing to add these three methods to the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations as additional methods accepted for use in the destruction of Trichinae in dry sausages and dry-cured hams. Additionally, FSIS is proposing to add a statement to the current regulations to warn that Trichina destruction methods only destroy Trichinae and may not destroy all pathogenic bacteria that may be present.
7. Objective and rationale: Health
8. Relevant documents: 56 FR 503, 7 January 1991; 9 CFR Part 318. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not yet determined
10. Final date for comments: 8 April 1991
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] or address of other body:

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