NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 28 August 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

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| Elimination of Trichinae Control Regulations and Consolidation of Thermally Processed, Commercially Sterile Regulations; Final Rule |
| Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is amending the Federal meat inspection regulations to eliminate the requirements for both ready-to-eat (RTE) and not-ready-to-eat (NRTE) pork and pork products to be treated to destroy trichinae (*Trichinella spiralis*) because the regulations are inconsistent with the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations, and because these prescriptive regulations are no longer necessary. FSIS is ending its *Trichinella* Approved Laboratory Program (TALP program) for the evaluation and approval of non-Federal laboratories that use the pooled sample digestion technique to analyze samples for the presence of trichinae. FSIS is also consolidating the regulations on thermally processed, commercially sterile meat and poultry products (i.e., canned food products containing meat or poultry).<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/USA/18_4653_00_e.pdf> |
| **This addendum concerns a:** |
| [ ] Modification of final date for comments |
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| [ ] Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation |
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| [ ] Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force |
| [ ] Other:  |
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