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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> 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) [2179] 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
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other [X]: Animal-raising and environment-related claims are voluntary "special statements and claims". FSIS does not require such claims to appear on product labels. However, establishments may voluntarily add animal-raising or environment-related claims to their labels if they do not render the product misbranded.
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Labels of meat and poultry products; Food products in general (ICS code(s): 67.040); Meat, meat products and other animal produce (ICS code(s): 67.120)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Availability of FSIS Guideline on Substantiating Animal-Raising or Environment-Related Labeling Claims; (5 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Notification of availability and request for comments - The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing the availability of an updated version of its guideline on documentation needed to support animal-raising or environment-related claims on meat or poultry product labeling. Official establishments submit this documentation to the Agency when they apply for approval of labels with animal-raising or environment-related claims. The updated guideline includes changes made in response to updated scientific information, FSIS sampling data, ask FSIS questions, public comments, petitions, and other meetings with Agency stakeholders.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection

8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <p>89 Federal Register (FR) 73253, 10 September 2024; Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 317, 381, and 412:</p> <p>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-10/html/2024-19696.htm</p> <p>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-10/pdf/2024-19696.pdf</p> <p>https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/documents/FSIS-GD-2024-0006.pdf</p> <p>This notification of availability and request for comments is identified by Docket Number FSIS-2024-0010. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders by 4pm Eastern Time on 12 November 2024 will be shared with the FSIS and will also be submitted to the Docket on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 12 November 2024</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24_05953_00_e.pdf</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/24_05953_01_e.pdf</p>