

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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NOTIFICATION

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

1. *Party or Agency:* United States
Food and Drug Administration

2. *Provision of the Agreement:*
Proposed Technical Regulation (Article 2.5.2)

3. *Product(s) covered, CCCN Heading (National Tariff Heading where applicable):*
Soda water beverages

4. *Title of project:*
N/A

5. *Description:*
To amend the standard of identity of soda water to accomplish the following: 1) designate kola nut extract as the mandatory ingredient in "cola" and "pepper" soda water beverages
2) provide for decaffeinated "cola" or "pepper" soda water beverages under the standard of identity and 3) continue to permit the use of added caffeine in these beverages as an optional ingredient

6. *Objective and rationale:*
Human health and to "promote honesty and fair dealing in the interest of consumers"

7. *Relevant document(s):*
45 Federal Register 69816, 80-10-21 cfr part 165

8. *Where published, when adopted:*
Federal Register

9. *Final date for submission of comments:*
80-12-22

10. *Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:*
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