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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 5 February 2016, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

Final Rule: Importation of Orchids in Growing Media from Taiwan (Docket No. APHIS-2014-0041)

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is amending the regulations governing the importation of plants and plant products to add orchid plants of the genus *Oncidium* from Chinese Taipei to the list of plants that may be imported into the United States in an approved growing medium, subject to specified growing, inspection, and certification requirements. It is taking this action in response to a request from the Government of Chinese Taipei and after determining that the plants could be imported, under certain conditions, without resulting in the introduction into, or the dissemination within, the United States of a quarantine plant pest.

This notice is available in English at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0041-0058>.

Federal Register Vol. 81, No. 23 Thursday, 4 February 2016 pgs. 5881-5888.

APHIS solicited comments concerning the proposal for 60 days ending 2 February 2015. It reopened and extended the deadline for comments until 18 March 2015, in a document published in the Federal Register on 12 March 2015 (80 FR 12954, Docket No. APHIS-2014-0041). APHIS received 50 comments on the proposed rule by that date.

This addendum concerns a:

- ☐ Modification of final date for comments
- ☒ Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- ☐ Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- ☐ Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- ☐ Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☐ Other:

Comment period: *(If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)*

- ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): The rule is effective on 7 March 2016.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☐ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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