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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Poultry and poultry products
- Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 [X] All trading partners
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 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Environmental Assessments; Availability, etc.: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Language(s): English Number of pages: 1

http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0058-0001

6. Description of content: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is advising the public that an environmental assessment has been prepared by APHIS relative to a national approach for the control of highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks within the United States. Based on the environmental assessment, APHIS has concluded that such an approach will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. APHIS is making this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact available to the public for review and comment.

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- Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
 - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes []No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

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- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- 10. **Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***)**: Not applicable

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Not applicable
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 5 October 2015

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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You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <u>http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0058</u>.

Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2015-0058, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

The environmental assessment, finding of no significant impact, and any comments we receive may be viewed at <u>http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0058</u>.

13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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