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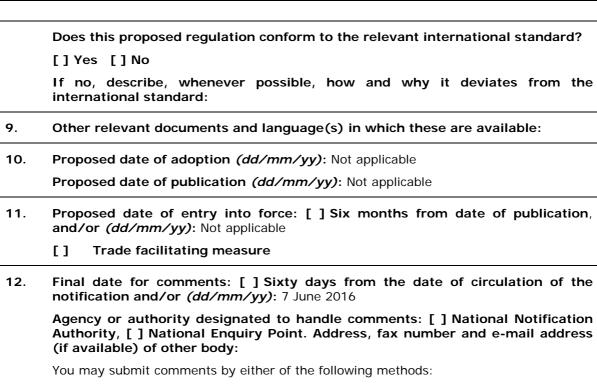
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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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 (APHIS) 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): Fresh pitahaya fruit 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [] [X] Specific regions or countries: Ecuador 5. Title of the notified document: Proposed Rule: Importation of Fresh Pitahaya Fruit from Ecuador Into the Continental United States (Docket # APHIS-2015-0004) Language(s): English Number of pages: 5 https://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail; D=APHIS-2015-0004-0001 6. Description of content: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is proposing to amend the fruits and vegetables regulations to allow the importation of fresh pitahaya fruit into the continental United States from Ecuador. As a condition of entry, the fruit would have to be produced in accordance with a systems approach that would include requirements for fruit fly trapping, pre-harvest inspections, approved production sites, and packinghouse procedures designed to exclude guarantine pests. The fruit would also be required to be imported in commercial consignments and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the national plant protection organization of Ecuador stating that the consignment was produced and prepared for export in accordance with the requirements of the systems approach. This action would allow for the importation of fresh pitahaya from Ecuador while continuing to provide protection against the introduction of plant pests into the United States. Federal Register/Vol. 81, No. 68/Friday, 8 April 2016/pgs.20575-20579. 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] 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]



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