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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> 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 cherimoya fruit |
| 4. | Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Chile |
| 5. | Title of the notified document: Proposed Rule: Importation of Fresh Cherimoya Fruit from Chile into the United States (Docket # APHIS-2015-0015) Language(s): English Number of pages: 4 https://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0015-0001 |
| 6. | Description of content: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to amend the regulations to allow the importation of fresh cherimoya fruit from Chile into the continental United States, provided that fruit is produced in accordance with a systems approach, as an alternative to the currently required treatment. Commercial consignments of fresh cherimoya fruit are currently authorized entry into all ports of the United States from Chile subject to a mandatory soapy water and wax treatment. The proposed systems approach would include requirements for production site registration, low pest prevalence area certification, post-harvest processing, and fruit cutting and inspection at the packinghouse. 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 Chile with an additional declaration stating that the consignment was produced in accordance with the regulations. Fresh cherimoya fruit that does not meet the conditions of the systems approach would continue to be allowed to be imported into the United States subject to treatment. This action would allow for the importation of fresh cherimoya fruit from Chile while continuing to provide protection against the introduction of plant pests into the continental United States. Federal Register/Vol. 81, No. 64/Monday, 4 April 2016/pgs. 19060-19063. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests. |

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| 8. | <p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p> |
| 9. | <p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> |
| 10. | <p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> |
| 11. | <p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p> |
| 12. | <p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 June 2016</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>You may submit comments by either of the following methods:</p> <p>Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0015.</p> <p>Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2015-0015, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.</p> <p>Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0015.</p> <p>Ms Claudia Ferguson, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, Imports, Regulations, and Manuals, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; +(301) 851 2352</p> |
| 13. | <p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>United States SPS National Notification Authority, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, International Regulations and Standards Division (IRSD), Stop 1014, Washington D.C. 20250; Tel: +(1 202) 720 1301; Fax: +(1 202) 720 0433; E-mail: us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov</p> |