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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
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): Cattle, beef, and beef products
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: Costa Rica, Germany, Lithuania, Mexico, Namibia, Romania, Spain
5. Title of the notified document: Concurrence with OIE Risk Designations for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Docket # APHIS-2016-0092). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/08/08/2017-16674/concurrence-with-oie-risk-designations-for-bovine-spongiform-encephalopathy
6. Description of content: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is advising the public of its decision to concur with the World Organization for Animal Health's (OIE) bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk designations for seven regions. The OIE recognizes these regions as being of negligible risk for BSE. APHIS is taking this action based on its review of information supporting the OIE's risk designations for these regions. Federal Register Vol. 82, No. 151, Tuesday, 8 August 2017 pg. 37041-37042
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 11.4; http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal_Health_in_the_World/docs/pdf/2016_A20_RESO_BSE.pdf <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 8 August 2017</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</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>Dr Roberta Morales, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Regionalization Evaluation Services, National Import Export Services, VS, APHIS, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606; +(919) 855 7735</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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>https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/08/08/2017-16674/concurrence-with-oie-risk-designations-for-bovine-spongiform-encephalopathy</p>