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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Department of Agriculture (USDA) [1136] Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point Email: usatbtep@nist.gov
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Organic livestock and poultry. Farming and forestry (ICS: 65.020)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: National Organic Program; Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices (55 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) proposes to amend the organic livestock and poultry production requirements by: adding new provisions for livestock handling and transport for slaughter and avian living conditions; and expanding and clarifying existing requirements covering livestock health care practices and mammalian living conditions.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of animal or plant life or health
8.	Relevant documents: 81 Federal Register (FR) 21955, 13 April 2016; Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 205. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 13 June 2016
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/USA/16_1741_00_e.pdf