NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** 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):** Live bovines |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Mexico |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Final Rule: Branding Requirements for Bovines Imported Into the United States from Mexico [Docket No. APHIS-2016-0050]. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 3<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=APHIS_FRDOC_0001-2240> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** APHIS is amending the regulations regarding the branding of bovines imported into the United States from Mexico. APHIS is taking this action at the request of the Government of Mexico to address issues that have arisen with the branding requirement for these bovines. These changes will help prevent inconsistencies in branding that can result in bovines being rejected for import into the United States. (Federal Register Vol. 83, No. 240, Friday, 14 December 2018 pp. 64223-64225) |
| **7.** | **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:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 14 December 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 14 January 2019**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable**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:** Dr Betzaida Lopez, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Import Export Services, Policy, Permitting, and Regulatory Services, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; +(301) 851 3300 |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=APHIS_FRDOC_0001-2240> |