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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):** Animals and animal products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[ ]****Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Proposed Rule: Evaluation and Recognition of the Animal Health Status of Compartments [Docket No. APHIS-2017-0105].**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 5  <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=APHIS-2017-0105-0001> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** APHIS is proposing to establish standards to allow it to recognize compartments for animal disease status, consistent with World Organization for Animal Health international standards. Under this proposed rule, when a foreign government submits a request for recognition of a compartment, APHIS would conduct a disease risk assessment based on a list of eight factors that closely parallel those we use when conducting regionalization evaluations, and would provide for public notice of and comment on the risk assessment. APHIS would also add provisions for imposing import restrictions and/or prohibitions when a compartment it has recognized as disease-free experiences an outbreak and for lifting those sanctions once the outbreak has been controlled. These proposed standards would provide a tool that may be used to preserve international trade when regionalization is not feasible. (Federal Register Vol. 84, No. 64, Wednesday, 3 April 2019, pages 12955-12959) |
| **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)*:**  **[****X]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** 2016 OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, volume 1, Chapter 4.4: Application of Compartmentalization  **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ]****None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****X]** **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)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 3 June 2019  **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 Lisa Rochette, Staff Officer, Regionalization Evaluation Services, Strategy and Policy, VS, APHIS, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606; Tel: +(919) 855 7276; E-mail: lisa.t.rochette@aphis.usda.gov |
| **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-2017-0105-0001> |