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):** *Dianthus* spp. (carnation) cuttings |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]****All trading partners**  **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** Kenya |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Importation of *Dianthus* spp. from Kenya [Docket # APHIS-2018-0068].**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2  <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=APHIS-2018-0068-0001> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** APHIS is notifying the public that it proposes to make changes to the import requirements in the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Plants for Planting Manual for imports of *Dianthus* spp. (carnation) cuttings from Kenya. Currently, *Dianthus* spp. cuttings from Kenya require mandatory postentry quarantine within the United States. APHIS is proposing to allow cuttings from Kenya to be imported into the United States without postentry quarantine, subject to certain conditions. These changes to the USDA Plants for Planting Manual would relieve restrictions on *Dianthus* spp. cuttings from Kenya while continuing to address the possible introduciton of quarantine pests through the importation of such cuttings. APHIS is making these changes avaiable to the public for review and comment. [Federal Register Vol. 84, No. 90, Thursday, 9 May 2019, pp. 20323-20324] |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [****X]****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)*:**  **[****X]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** ISPM N° 1, 2, 7, 11, 12, 18, 20, 23 and 28  **[ ]****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)*:** 8 July 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:**  Ms Lydia E. Colón, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; +(301) 851 2302 |
| **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-2018-0068-0001> |