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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 and beef |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]****All trading partners**  **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** Nicaragua |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Concurrence with OIE Risk Designation for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy [Docket No. APHIS-2018-0087].**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2  <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=APHIS-2018-0087-0001> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** APHIS is advising the public of its preliminary concurrence with the World Organization for Animal Health's (OIE) bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk designation for Nicaragua. The OIE recognizes this region as being of negligible risk for BSE. APHIS is taking this action based on its review of information supporting the OIE's risk designation for this region. (Federal Register Vol. 84, No. 116, Monday, 17 June 2019, pp. 28001-28002) |
| **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)*:** OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 2.1.1.  **[ ]****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)*:** 16 August 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 Kari Coulson, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Strategy and Policy, VS, APHIS, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606; +(919) 480 9876; E-mail: kari.f.coulson@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-2018-0087-0001> |