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):** Plants |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]****All trading partners** **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, United Kingdom |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Notice: Recognition of Freedom from Citrus Longhorned Beetles and Asian Longhorned Beetle in Certain European Union Countries [Docket No. APHIS-2018-0074].**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=APHIS-2018-0074-0001> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** APHIS is notifying the public that it proposes to update the US Department of Agriculture Plants for Planting Manual by recognizing 22 European Union member States as being free from citrus longhorned beetle (CLB) and Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) and removing them from the list of countries where CLB and ALB are present. APHIS would also change the entry conditions in the manual for imports of certain host plant taxa of CLB and ALB from four of these countries (Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom) because they have previously approved genera exempted from the category of plants Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis. These changes would relieve certain restrictions on host plants of CLB and ALB from Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom while continuing to mitigate the risk of introducing quarantine pests into the United States. (Federal Register Vol. 84, No. 137, Wednesday, 17 July 2019, pp 34116-34117) |
| **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 29 - Recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence
* ISPM 04 - Requirement for the establishment of pest free areas
* ISPM 15 - Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade
* ISPM 10 - Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites
* ISPM 39 - International movement of wood
* ISPM 36 - Integrated measures for plants for planting

**[ ]****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 September 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 Rosemarie Rodriguez-Yanes, Regulatory Policy Specialist, PHP, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 137, Riverdale, MD 20737; +(301) 851 2313; E-mail: Rosemarie.Rodriguez-Yanes@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-2018-0074-0001> |