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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):** Unshu oranges |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]****All trading partners** **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** Japan |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Import Requirements for the Importation of Fresh Unshu Oranges From Japan Into the United States [Docket No. APHIS-2019-0054].**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=APHIS-2019-0054-0001> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** APHIS is advising the public that it has prepared commodity import evaluation documents (CIEDs) relative to the importation into the United States of Unshu oranges from Japan. Currently, Unshu oranges imported into the United States from the islands of Shikoku or Honshu must be fumigated with methyl bromide as a mitigation for mites and mealybugs if the oranges are destined to a port of entry in Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, or Texas. Additionally, Unshu oranges from the island of Kyushu are prohibited entry into Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, or Texas. Based on the findings of the CIEDs, APHIS is proposing to remove the fumigation requirement for Unshu oranges from the islands of Honshu and Shikoku and to allow Unshu oranges from the island of Kyushu to be imported into any port of entry in the United States (excluding territories). APHIS is making the CIEDs available to the public for review and comment. (Federal Register Vol. 84, No. 184, Monday, 23 September 2019, pp. 49707-49708) |
| **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 # 1 Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade
* ISPM # 2 Framework for pest risk analysis
* ISPM # 5 Glossary of phytosanitary terms
* ISPM # 6 Guidelines for surveillance
* ISPM # 7 Phytosanitary certification system
* ISPM # 8 Determination of pest status in an area
* ISPM # 10 Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites
* ISPM # 11 Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests
* ISPM #12 Phytosanitary certificates
* ISPM # 20 Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system
* ISPM # 23 Guidelines for inspection
* ISPM # 28 Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests

**[ ]****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)*:** 22 November 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:** Mr Tony Roman, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, RCC, IRM, PHP, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; +(301) 851 2242 |
| **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-2019-0054-0001> |