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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):** Fresh beef |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****]** **All trading partners**  **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** Paraguay |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Proposed Rule: Importation of Fresh Beef From Paraguay [Docket No. APHIS-2018-0007].**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 10  [https://www.regulations.gov/document/APHIS-2018-0007-0001](https://www.regulations.gov/document/APHIS-2018-0007-0001" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** We are proposing to amend the regulations governing the importation of certain animals, meat, and other animal products by allowing, under certain conditions, the importation of fresh (chilled or frozen) beef from Paraguay. Based on the evidence from a risk analysis, we have determined that fresh beef can safely be imported from Paraguay, provided certain conditions are met. This action would provide for the importation of fresh beef from Paraguay into the United States while continuing to protect the United States against the introduction of foot-and-mouth disease. (Federal Register Vol. 88, No. 58, Monday, 27 March 2023, pp. 18077-18086) |
| **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)*:**  **[****]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[****]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****]** **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)*:** 26 May 2023  **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. Ingrid Kotowski, Import Risk Analyst, Regionalization Evaluation Services, VS, APHIS, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606; Tel: +(919) 855 7732; E-mail: [AskRegionalization@usda.gov](mailto:AskRegionalization@usda.gov) |
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