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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, 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 may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Plants
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Importation of Artificially Dwarfed Plants (4 pages)
5.	Description of content: APHIS is proposing to amend the regulations for importing plants and plant products by requiring artificially dwarfed plants that are imported into the United States to have been grown under certain conditions in nurseries registered with the government of the country where the plants were grown. We are proposing this action to protect against the introduction of longhorned beetles and other dangerous plant pests into the United States.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: APHIS is proposing this action in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 1 of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 66 FR 20208, 20 April 2001 (Available in English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.

11. Final date for comments: APHIS will consider all comments received by 19 June 2001.
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service [☐] **National notification authority,** [☐] **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.

12. Texts available from: [X] **National notification authority,** [X] **National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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