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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: Plant pests
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Hot Water Treatment for Limes (2 pages)
5.	Description of content: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is amending the Plant Protection and Quarantine Treatment Manual, which is incorporated by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations, to allow limes that are found to be infested with mealybugs (Pseudococcidae) and other surface pests to be treated with a hot water treatment. This action will provide an additional option for treating imported limes for mealybugs and other surface pests at the port of arrival.
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: This proposal is consistent with Article I of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 66 FR 56427, 8 November 2001 (Available in English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Same as paragraph 10.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: This rule will be effective on 7 January 2002 unless APHIS receives written adverse comments or written notice of intent to submit adverse comments on or before 10 December 2001.

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| 11. | Final date for comments: 10 December 2001
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service [<input type="checkbox"/>] National notification authority, [<input type="checkbox"/>] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Detailed instruction on where and how to send written adverse comments or written notice of intent to submit adverse 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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