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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: Nursery stock
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Update of Nursery Stock Regulations (12 pages)
5.	Description of content: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to amend the regulations for importing nursery stock to require additional certifications for imported niger seed and lilac, to reflect recent changes in plant taxonomy and pest distributions, and to make various changes to the requirements for post entry quarantine of imported plants. We are also proposing several other amendments to update and clarify the regulations and improve their effectiveness. This action is necessary to update the existing regulations and make them easier to understand and implement.
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 7 of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 66 FR 67123, 28 December 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 that we receive by 26 February 2002.

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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