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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: US Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service
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): Meat (beef and pork) products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any US trade partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Addition of San Marino to the List of Countries Eligible to Export Meat and Meat Products to the United States; Proposed Rule
6.	Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to add San Marino to the list of countries eligible to export meat and meat products to the United States. Reviews of San Marino's laws and regulations, and an audit of its meat inspection system, show that its system and requirements are equivalent to all provisions in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) and its implementing regulations.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: NA
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Federal Register: 13 August 2004 (Volume 69, Number 156), pages 50086-50088, available in English at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Frame/FrameRedirect.asp?main=/OPPDE/rdad/FRPubs/01-029P.htm
10.	Proposed date of adoption: May 2005
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: June 2005

12. Final date for comments: 12 October 2004

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand-or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, Food Safety and Inspection Service, US Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102 Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250.
- Federal Rulemaking Portal: go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments.
- All submissions received must include the Agency name and docket number 01-029P

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

United States SPS Enquiry Point/Notification Authority; USDA/FAS/FSTSD; ATTN: Julie Morin; Room 5545 South Agriculture Building, Stop 1027; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington DC 20250; Tel: (202) 720-4051.