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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: Commodity plant pest risk analysis
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Commodity Pest Risk Analysis Process (2 pages plus accompanying document)
5.	Description of content: APHIS is seeking comments on several issues related to the commodity pest risk analysis process used by the Agency's Plant Protection and Quarantine programme, including several recommendations made in a report on Plant Protection and Quarantine safeguarding system. APHIS will use the information gathered through this notice as it considers options to improve public involvement in the process and public access to information about new and pending pest risk analyses.
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: The United States conducts pest risk analysis in accordance with the principles established by the IPPC. There is no international standard for the process of obtaining stakeholder input for pest risk analysis.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 64 FR 54859, 8 October 1999 (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:** 7 December 1999.
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: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA

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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