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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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 should be provided in addition, where applicable): Fruits and vegetables
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Cold Treatment of Fruits (8 to 10 pages)
6.	Description of content: The USDA is amending the Plant Protection and Quarantine Treatment Manual which is incorporated by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations, by revising the cold treatment schedules under which fruits are treated for the Mediterranean fruit fly and other specified pests. Based on the review of those treatment schedules, we have determined that it is necessary to extend the duration of cold treatment for Medfly. The USDA-APHIS is also amending the regulations for importing fruit and vegetables to provide inspectors at the port of first arrival will sample and cut fruit from each shipment cold treated for Medfly to monitor the effectiveness of the cold treatment. These actions are necessary to protect against the introduction and dissemination of Medflies into and within the US.
7.	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
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: This action is necessary to protect against the introduction and dissemination of Medflies into and within the United States.
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: IPPC ISPM #2 and General Principles #2 and #14

11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 15 October 2002
12.	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Detailed instructions on where and how to send comments are in the body of the full text which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 13.
13.	Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: United States SPS Enquiry Point / Notification Point Mr. William Janis U.S. Department of Agriculture Stop 1027 Washington, DC 20250 Tel: (202) 720-9047 Fax: (202) 720-0677 E-mail: William.janis2@usda.gov