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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 Plant Health Inspections 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): Ya Pears
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: China
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Removal of Cold Treatment Requirement for Ya Pears Imported From Hebei Province in China, available in English, 2 pages, Volume 67 Number 245, Pages 77940- 77942, www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webreport.html
6.	Description of content: APHIS is proposing to remove the current cold treatment requirement for Ya Pears imported from Hebei Province in the Peoples Republic of China. The cold treatment requirement was imposed to ensure that Ya Pears did not introduce the Oriental fruit fly into the United States. The People's Republic of China has submitted data indicating that no Oriental fruit flies have been found in Hebei Province since the beginning of 1997 and has requested that we remove the cold treatment requirement. Removing the cold treatment requirement would lift a restriction that no longer appears necessary.
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.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <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:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English
10.	Proposed date of adoption: TBA
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: TBA

12. Final date for comments: 18 February 2003

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:

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