



NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: 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): Certain parts of plants of banana and plantain species
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Australia, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanese Republic, Malaysia, Mayotte, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Turkey, Viet Nam
5. Title of the notified document: Federal Order: <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>ubense</i> Tropical Race 4 (<i>Foc</i> TR4) Import Restriction [DA-2021-10]. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_imports/federal_order/downloads/2021/da-2021-10.pdf
6. Description of content: Effective 21 May 2021, USDA APHIS prohibits the importation of certain plant parts of all banana and plantain species of <i>Musa</i> spp. and one banana species, Abyssinian banana (<i>Ensete ventricosum</i>), to prevent the introduction and establishment of the harmful <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>ubense</i> Tropical race 4 (<i>Foc</i> TR4) into the United States and its territories. APHIS prohibits the import of these species from the following countries where <i>Foc</i> TR4 is known to occur: Australia, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mayotte, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Turkey and Viet Nam. This Federal Order applies to <i>Musa</i> spp. and <i>Ensete ventricosum</i> plant parts including rooted plants, rooted and unrooted cuttings, roots, and rhizomes known to carry <i>Foc</i> TR4 from the identified countries where the pathogen is known to occur. This Federal Order does not apply to seeds, leaves, cut flowers, fruits, and plants in tissue culture since these are not significant pathways for <i>Foc</i> TR4. APHIS has determined that the introduction and establishment of <i>Foc</i> TR4 poses a serious threat to US agriculture. The restriction to prevent the introduction and establishment of <i>Foc</i> TR4 is needed and warranted to mitigate the plant pest risks associated with this pest.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: APHIS has determined that the introduction and establishment of <i>Foc</i> TR4 poses a serious threat to US agriculture. The restriction to prevent the introduction and establishment of <i>Foc</i> TR4 is needed and warranted to mitigate the plant pest risks associated with this pest.</p>
9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 21 May 2021</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Lydia E. Colon at +(301) 851 2302 or Lydia.e.colon@usda.gov</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_imports/federal_order/downloads/2021/da-2021-10.pdf</p>