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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1. If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national 3. schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Poultry 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners Specific regions or countries: [] 5. Title of the notified document: Eligibility of the People's Republic of China (PRC) To Export to the United States Poultry Products From Birds Slaughtered in the PRC. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/06/16/2017-12554/eligibility-of-thepeoples-republic-of-china-prc-to-export-to-the-united-states-poultry-products http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/USA/17 2866 00 e.pdf 6. **Description of content:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend the poultry products inspection regulations to list the PRC as eligible to export to the United States poultry products from birds slaughtered in the PRC. The PRC is currently eligible to export processed poultry products to the United States if the products are derived from poultry slaughtered in the United States or in other countries eligible to slaughter and export poultry to the United States. FSIS is proposing this action because the Agency has reviewed the PRC's laws, regulations, and poultry slaughter inspection system as implemented and has determined that the PRC's poultry slaughter inspection system is equivalent to the system that the United States has established under the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) and its implementing regulations. Should this rule become final, slaughtered poultry, or parts or other products thereof, processed in certified PRC establishments, would be eligible for export to the United States. Although the PRC may be listed in FSIS's regulations as eligible to export poultry products to the United States, the products must also comply with all other applicable requirements of the United States, including those of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), before any products can enter the United States. All such products would be subject to re-inspection at United States ports-ofentry by FSIS inspectors. 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.

- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CAC/GL 53-2003
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (*e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number*):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** Not applicable to proposed rule.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable to proposed rule.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Not applicable to proposed rule.
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 15 August 2017

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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