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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)
- 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): Meat, poultry, and egg products
- 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: Public Health Information System (PHIS) Export Component Country Implementation. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/USA/17 4075 00 e.pdf

- 6. **Description of content:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing and requesting comment on its plan to implement the Public Health Information System (PHIS) Export Component. In response to stakeholder feedback and to ensure sufficient testing and outreach, FSIS is extending the implementation date of the PHIS Export Component to 29 June 2018. FSIS will first implement the PHIS Export Component with a limited number of foreign countries and will expand implementation to add countries incrementally.
- 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:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*):
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (*e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number*):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes []No

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

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- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.
 Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.
- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- **12.** Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 6 October 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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13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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