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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): Siluriformes fish and fish products
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: Viet Nam
5. Title of the notified document: Eligibility of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Export Siluriformes Fish and Fish Products to the United States. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-19/pdf/2018-20376.pdf
6. Description of content: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend the Siluriformes fish inspection regulations to list Viet Nam as a country eligible to export Siluriformes fish and fish products to the United States. FSIS is proposing this action because the Agency has reviewed Viet Nam's laws, regulations, and inspection system as implemented and has determined that Viet Nam's Siluriformes fish inspection system is equivalent to the system that the United States has established under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) and its implementing regulations. Under this proposal, only raw Siluriformes fish and fish products produced in certified Vietnamese establishments would be eligible for export to the United States. All such products would continue to be subject to re-inspection at US points-of-entry by FSIS inspectors.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CAC/GL 53-2003 <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 19 October 2018</p> <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>Roberta Wagner, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development; Tel: +(202) 205 0495</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.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-19/pdf/2018-20376.pdf</p>