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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)
3.	<b>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):</b> Meat, poultry, and egg products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Publication Method for Lists of Foreign Countries Eligible To Export Meat, Poultry, or Egg Products to the United States. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 5 <a href="https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/9bbac3d0-2a5e-41d6-a1e4-49ae06de89a8/2018-0027.pdf?MOD=AJPERES">https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/9bbac3d0-2a5e-41d6-a1e4-49ae06de89a8/2018-0027.pdf?MOD=AJPERES</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to remove lists of foreign countries eligible to export meat, poultry, and egg products to the United States from its regulations and, instead, utilize lists posted on FSIS' website. A reference to the web address would be included in FSIS' regulations. This change would allow FSIS to more efficiently provide the public with more accurate and up to-date information. The criteria FSIS uses to evaluate whether a foreign country is eligible to export meat, poultry, or egg products would remain in the regulations and would not change. FSIS would continue to provide an opportunity for public comment when proposing to list new countries as eligible to export these products to the United States.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 June 2019  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:  Roberta Wagner, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development by telephone at +(202) 205 0495.</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:  <a href="https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/9bbac3d0-2a5e-41d6-a1e4-49ae06de89a8/2018-0027.pdf?MOD=AJPERES">https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/9bbac3d0-2a5e-41d6-a1e4-49ae06de89a8/2018-0027.pdf?MOD=AJPERES</a></p>