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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF THE RECOGNITION OF EQUIVALENCE
OF SANITARY OR PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**

The following notification of determination of the recognition of equivalence has been received.

1. Member notifying: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>
2. Title of the text stating the determination of the recognition of equivalence: Eligibility of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam To Export Siluriformes Fish and Fish Products to the United States
3. Parties involved: Viet Nam
4. Date of entry into force of the determination of the recognition of equivalence and any associated procedures or regulations: 5 December 2019
5. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Siluriformes fish and fish products
6. Description of measures recognized to be equivalent: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is amending the siluriformes fish inspection regulations to list the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Viet Nam) as a country eligible to export siluriformes fish and fish products to the United States. FSIS 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 final rule, only raw siluriformes fish and fish products produced in certified Vietnamese establishments are eligible for export to the United States. All such products are subject to reinspection at US points-of-entry by FSIS inspectors. Text is available in English at https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-11-05/pdf/2019-24057.pdf .
7. Further information available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) United States SPS National Notification Authority, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, International Regulations and Standards Division (IRSD), Stop 1014, Washington D.C. 20250; Tel: +(1 202) 720 1301; Fax: +(1 202) 720 0433; E-mail: us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov For further information contact Terri Nintemann, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, US Department of Agriculture; Tel: +(202) 205 0495