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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. Agency responsible: US Food and Drug Administration |
| 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): All food except meat, poultry, and processed egg products under the jurisdiction of the US Food Safety and Inspection Service; ICS Code(s): 67 |
| 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: |
| 5. Title of the notified document: Laboratory Accreditation of Analyses of Foods; Proposed Rule. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 65 https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-11-04/pdf/2019-23870.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/USA/19_6604_00_e.pdf |
| 6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, Agency, or we) is proposing to amend its regulations to establish a program for the testing of food in certain circumstances by accredited laboratories, as required under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act). Establishing such a program will help FDA improve the safety of the US food supply and protect US consumers by helping ensure that certain food testing of importance to public health is conducted subject to appropriate oversight and in accordance with appropriate model standards, and produces reliable and valid test results. |
| 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 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 Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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| 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): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure |
| 12. | Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 March 2020 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Timothy McGrath, Staff Director, Food and Feed Laboratory Operations, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rm. 3142, Rockville, MD 20857, 301 796 6591; E-mail: timothy.mcgrath@fda.hhs.gov |
| 13. | Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Text can be found in the US Federal Register, Vol. 84, No. 213, page 59452 or on the internet at: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-11-04/pdf/2019-23870.pdf |