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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1. If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. **Agency responsible:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) 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): Tomato and pepper seeds, transplants, and fruit 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [X] [] **Specific regions or countries:** 5. Title of the notified document: Federal Order for US Imports of tomato (Solanum lycopersicum) and pepper (Capsicum spp.) hosts of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) (DA-2019-01, 12 November 2019). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info/SA By Date/2019/SA-11/tomato-brown-rugose-fruit-virus 6. Description of content: Effective 22 November 2019, after issuance of this notice, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will restrict the importation of tomato (Solanum lycopersicum) and pepper (Capsicum spp.) hosts of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV). APHIS has determined it is necessary to restrict the importation of these plant species to prevent the introduction of ToBRFV into the United States of America. 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests. 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: These interim measures are necessary to safeguard US tomato and pepper production while APHIS fully evaluates emerging scientific evidence on ToBRFV. 9. 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:
10.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 22 November 2019
	[] Trade facilitating measure
12.	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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