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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
	If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: US Environmental Protection Agency
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): Multiple products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[] Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Pesticide Tolerance Crop Grouping Program Amendment IV Language(s): English Number of pages: 13
	https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-03/html/2016-10319.htm
6.	Description of content: This final rule revises the current pesticide tolerance crop grouping regulations, which allow the establishment of tolerances for multiple related crops based on data from a representative set of crops. This rule creates five new crop groups, three new and two revised commodity definitions and revises the regulations on the interaction of crop group tolerances with processed food, meat, milk, and egg tolerances. These revisions will promote greater use of crop groupings for tolerance-setting purposes, both domestically and in countries that export food to the United States. This is the fourth in a series of planned crop group updates.
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	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:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 3 May 2016
 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 3 May 2016
- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 May 2016
 - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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