



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: US Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA FSIS)
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): Siluriformes fish and siluriformes fish products
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: Siluriformes Fish <i>Salmonella</i> Sampling. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2022-06/FSIS-2022-0009.pdf https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/federal-register-rulemaking/federal-register-notice/siluriformes-fish-salmonella-sampling https://www.regulations.gov/document/FSIS_FRDOC_0001-0723 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/USA/22_4125_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The US Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA FSIS) is announcing that, starting 13 July 2022, it will suspend its current FSIS <i>Salmonella</i> sampling program for Siluriformes fish and fish products based on consumer cooking practices, lack of recent outbreaks attributed to Siluriformes fish, and low percent positives detected. Full text for this Federal Register notice (87 FR 35720) can be accessed at: https://www.regulations.gov/document/FSIS_FRDOC_0001-0723 . USDA FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Please submit comments on or before 13 July 2022. USDA FSIS will suspend <i>Salmonella</i> sampling in domestic and imported Siluriformes fish and fish products on 13 July 2022. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Federal eRulemaking Portal:</i> This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments;• <i>Mail:</i> Send to Docket Clerk, US Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250-3700;• <i>Hand- or Courier-Delivered Submittals:</i> Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350-E, Washington, DC 20250-3700. <i>Instructions:</i> All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2022-0009. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to https://www.regulations.gov .

<p><i>Docket:</i> For access to background documents or comments received, call +(202) 720 5627 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <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>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/federal-register-rulemaking/federal-register-notice/siluriformes-fish-salmonella-sampling https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2022-06/FSIS-2022-0009.pdf https://www.regulations.gov/document/FSIS_FRDOC_0001-0723 (available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 13 July 2022 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 13 June 2022</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 July 2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 July 2022</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>For further information contact Rachel Edelstein, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development by telephone at +(202) 205 0495.</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2022-06/FSIS-2022-0009.pdf</p>