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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)
3.	<b>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):</b> Meat (including Siluriformes fish and fish products), poultry, and egg products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Import Presented Refused and Import Refusal Reason datasets. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 11 <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FSIS-2014-0032/">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FSIS-2014-0032/</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_01_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_02_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_02_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_03_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_03_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The US Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) plans to replace the existing Import Refusals and Import Volume datasets currently available on the <a href="#">FSIS website, Import and Export Data page</a> with two new datasets, Import Presented Refused and Import Refusal Reason.  The existing Import Refusals dataset is published at the lot-level, including the foreign processing establishment, whereas the existing Import Volume dataset is published at the Country, Species, Process Category, Product Category, and Product Group level. The new Import Presented Refused dataset will include lot-level information for import volume along with import refusal data at the lot-level, making it easier to compare the proportion of weight refused to weight presented. Import Refusal Reason will be provided as a secondary dataset, providing each refusal reason as its own row to facilitate analysis.  Datasets will be updated monthly and will be posted the third Friday of each month, with the first release occurring on 27 September 2024, in lieu of the Import Refusals and Import Volume datasets. Data will be broken out by fiscal year (FY), starting with data from FY 2014 (starting on 1 October 2013) through the most recent FY.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  <a href="https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/international-reports/import-and-export-data">https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/import-export/international-reports/import-and-export-data</a> (available in English)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 27 September 2024</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 27 September 2024</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 27 September 2024</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 September 2024</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>For further information contact:  Damon Ranftle, Deputy Assistant Administrator, USDA FSIS Office of Planning, Analysis, and Risk Management by telephone at +(202) 937 4193, e-mail: Damon.Ranftle@usda.gov</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FSIS-2014-0032/">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FSIS-2014-0032/</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_00_e.pdf</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_01_e.pdf</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_02_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_02_e.pdf</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_03_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/USA/24_04683_03_e.pdf</a></p>