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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> 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): Aquatic animals
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: Declaration of Country Freedom from Three Aquatic Animal Pathogens: Epizootic Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus, Salmonid Alphavirus, and <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> . Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/aquaculture/health-status-reviews
6.	Description of content: As the US competent authority for Animal Health, USDA APHIS has officially declared country freedom from three WOAHL-listed aquatic animal pathogens. Effective 12 November 2024, the entire United States is declared free from epizootic hematopoietic necrosis virus (EHNV), salmonid alphavirus (SAV), and <i>Gyrodactylus solaris</i> . These country-level freedom declarations are made in alignment with the WOAHL criteria as specified in Chapter 1.4. Aquatic Animal Disease Surveillance of the WOAHL Aquatic Code, and affirm APHIS' commitment to ensuring and maintaining healthy aquatic animal populations for domestic use and international trade purposes. These country freedom declarations will be used to facilitate the continued export of healthy aquatic animal species from the United States. If the species being exported is considered susceptible to EHNV, SAV, or <i>Gyrodactylus solaris</i> , APHIS will certify the aquatic animals originate from a country declared free from these pathogens, where applicable.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 1.4 <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" 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:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 14 November 2024</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 14 November 2024</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 November 2024</p> <p><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): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>Dr Alicia Marston Director of Aquatic Trade, USDA APHIS E-mail: Alicia.r.marston@usda.gov</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.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/aquaculture/health-status-reviews</p>