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| <p>1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved:</p> |
| <p>2. Agency responsible: USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)</p> |
| <p>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): Plants and plant products</p> |
| <p>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:</p> |
| <p>5. Title of the notified document: United States Implementing New Format for Phytosanitary Certificates and Phytosanitary Certificates for Re-export. Language(s): English. Number of pages: One (each; two total) https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/sa_export/export-services-program https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/USA/21_7020_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/USA/21_7020_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/USA/21_7020_02_e.pdf</p> |
| <p>6. Description of content: The United States has implemented a new format for phytosanitary certificates and phytosanitary certificates for re-export. The use of plain paper and proliferation of electronic phytosanitary certificates (ePhyto) during the global pandemic has illustrated that commodities can be safely and successfully traded without traditional security paper. The United States has updated security measures in its Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance and Tracking (PCIT) system to allow for any Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) to be verified and reduce the possibility for fraud. All PCs issued by the United States include the following security characteristics: Generated through a secure, role-based system; Contain a unique certificate number located in the top center of the PC; The United States Department of Agriculture Logo on the top right of the PC; A North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) watermark in the lower center of the PC; A unique Quick Response (QR) Code located on the bottom left of the PC, which allows validation of PCs online; and Validation of the authenticity of PCs online using the PCIT Certificate Viewer at the following URL: https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/pcit/faces/ext_cert_viewer.jsf. APHIS has also included in this notification; a guide for using the validation tool as well as a sample of each new certificate type.</p> <p>In addition, ePhyto may be utilized for consignments exported from the United States to any trading partner currently utilizing the IPPC HUB. We look forward to additional trading partners joining the ePhyto system. Considering the measures of ePhyto, QR code, and online validation, the United States will print all Phytosanitary Certificates and Phytosanitary Certificates for Re-Export on plain paper starting 1 January 2022. Some</p> |

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| PCs may still arrive on the security paper for items that were certified before 1 January 2022. | |
| 7. | Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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. The United States has implemented a new format for phytosanitary certificates and phytosanitary certificates for re-export. The use of plain paper and proliferation of electronic phytosanitary certificates (ePhyto) during the global pandemic has illustrated that commodities can be safely and successfully traded without traditional security paper. |
| 8. | <p>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> |
| 9. | Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: |
| 10. | <p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 January 2022</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> |
| 11. | <p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 January 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p> |
| 12. | <p>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>IPPC Official Contact Point, Mr. John Greifer, Associate Deputy Administrator, Plant Protection and Quarantine, APHIS, USDA, 1400 Independence Av. SW Washington, DC 20250, United States of America; Tel: (+1) 844 820 2234 (APHIS Customer Service Call Center); E-mail: ppqexportservices@usda.gov</p> |
| 13. | <p>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>USDA APHIS: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/sa_export/export-services-program</p> |