

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Cattle, bison and swine
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Official Brucellosis Tests (2 pages)
5.	Description of content: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to amend the brucellosis regulations to add the rapid automated presumptive test to the list of official tests for determining the brucellosis disease status of test-eligible cattle, bison, and swine. We believe that this proposed action is warranted because the rapid automated presumptive test has been shown to provide an accurate, automated, and cost-effective means of determining the brucellosis status of test-eligible cattle, bison, and swine.
6.	Objective and rationale: We believe that adding the rapid automated presumptive test to the list of official tests for brucellosis in cattle, bison, and swine would help to prevent the spread of brucellosis by making available an additional tool for its diagnosis in those animals.
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 61 FR 48430, 13 September 1996; 9 CFR Part 78
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.

10.	Proposed date of entry into force: The effective date will be given upon publication of the final rule in the Federal Register.
11.	Final date for comments: 12 November 1996 Agency or authority designated to handle comments:
12.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: USDA/FAS/OFSTS Attn: Carolyn F. Wilson Room 5545 South Agriculture Building 14th and Independence Washington, D.C. 20250 Tel: (202) 720 22 39 Fax: (202) 690 06 77 E-mail: Wilsonc@fas.usda.gov