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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
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): Products that use Bacillus thuringiensis Cry2Ab2 Protein and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production in Cotton.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any US trade partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Bacillus thuringiensis Cry2Ab2 Protein and the Genetic Material Necessary for its Production in Cotton; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Amend a Tolerance Exemption for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food, (available in English, 4 pages).
6.	Description of content: EPA has received a request to remove the time limitation for the exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for the plant-incorporated protectant Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) Cry2Ab2 protein and the genetic material necessary for its production in cotton or on cotton. EPA has not fully evaluated the merits of the pesticide petition.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: n.a.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: DOCID:fr10de03-80, <u>Federal Register</u> : 10 December 2003 (Volume 68, Number 237), pages 68911-68915; http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2003/December/Day-10/p00490.htm ; available in English
10.	Proposed date of adoption: n.a.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: n.a.

12. Final date for comments:

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ **National notification authority,** ☐ **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. opp-docket@epa.gov Note: Identify docket name "OPP-2003-0361" in subject line of your response.

13. Texts available from: ☐ **National notification authority,** ☒ **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Ms. Julie Morin, United States SPS Enquiry Point Officer, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, Food Safety and Technical Services Division, Stop 1027, Washington, DC 20250. Tel: (202) 720-4051, Fax: (202) 720-7772, Email: fstd@fas.usda.gov