

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>UNITED STATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable).</b> <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Pork and pork products
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Importation of Pork and Pork Products (7 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to amend the regulations concerning the importation of pork and pork products into the United States. Specifically, APHIS proposes to allow pork that originates in a region where African swine fever exists to be imported into the United States if it has been heated to an internal temperature of at least 69 deg.C after the bones have been removed. We also propose to provide an alternative, dry heat processing method for pork from regions where swine vesicular disease exists. In addition, we propose to make other minor amendments to the regulations for importing pork and pork products from regions where African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, or hog cholera exists. These proposed changes would relieve some restrictions on the importation of pork and pork products from regions where these diseases exist without presenting a significant risk of introducing African swine fever, hog cholera, or swine vesicular disease into the United States.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> We believe this action is in accordance with international standards set by the Office International des Epizooties.
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> 64 FR 37897, 15 July 1999; 9 CFR Parts 94 and 96 (Available in English)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined.
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> The date of entry into force will be announced when the final rule is published in the Federal Register.

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**11. Final date for comments:** 13 September 1999

**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:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA

Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text – which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.

**12. Texts available from:** ☒ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point,  
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