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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: Animal 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): Procedures for re-establishing a region as free of a disease
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Procedures for Re-establishing a Region as Free of a Disease (available in English, pages 37426-37429), www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor
6.	Description of content: APHIS is proposing to establish procedures that we will follow when a region that we recognize as free of a disease experiences an outbreak of that disease. The procedures include steps we would take to prevent the introduction of disease from that region and steps we would take to further assess the region's animal health status. The procedures would allow for timely reinstatement of the region's disease free status if supported by the reassessment.
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.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <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:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English
10.	Proposed date of adoption: TBA
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: TBA

12. Final date for comments: 23 August 2003

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: Please submit comments to Docket No. 02-001-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3c71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 10737-1238

13. Texts available from: ☐ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

Please submit comments to: Docket No. 02-001-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3c71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 10737-1238.