

# 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> Pork and pork products from Mexico Transiting the United States (5 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> The importation and in-transit movement of fresh (chilled or frozen) pork and pork products from Mexico into the United States is restricted because of the presence of hog cholera in some areas in Mexico. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to amend the regulations to allow fresh (chilled or frozen) pork and pork products from the Mexican States of Baja California Sur, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Sinaloa, Campeche, and Quintana Roo to transit the United States, under certain conditions, for export to another country. APHIS is proposing this action because there has been no outbreak of hog cholera in any of the States of Baja California Sur, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Sinaloa, Campeche, or Quintana Roo since 1993, and it appears that fresh (chilled or frozen) pork and pork products from each of the above States could transit the United States under seal with an insignificant risk of introducing hog cholera.
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 38599, 19 July 1999; 9 CFR Part 94 (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.

**11. Final date for comments:** 17 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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