

# 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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Noxious weeds
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Noxious weeds; Update of Weed and See Lists (3 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> APHIS is proposing to amend the noxious weeds regulations by adding <i>Homeria spp.</i> (Cape tulips) to the list of terrestrial weeds. Listed noxious weeds may be moved into or through the United States or interstate only under a written permit and under conditions that would not involve a danger of dissemination of the weeds. This action appears to be necessary to prevent the artificial spread of noxious weeds into non-infested areas of the United States.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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> APHIS is taking this action in accordance with Article 6, Paragraph 1 of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> 64 FR 72293, 27 December 1999 (Available in English)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined.
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined.

- 11. Final date for comments:** 25 February 2000  
**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

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:** [ X ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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