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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Cervids (e.g. deer and elk)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Tuberculosis in cervids (18 pages)
5.	Description of content: The agency proposes to amend the regulations concerning tuberculosis and the interstate movement of animals by adding provisions regarding testing, identification, and interstate movement of captive cervids, such as deer and elk. We also propose to amend the regulations concerning exportation of animals and animal products to require that, to be eligible for export, captive cervids be accompanied by a certificate stating that they have tested negative for tuberculosis within 90 days prior to export. We would add "captive cervids" to the list of animals included in the definition of animals in CFR 9 Part 91. This would make the general export requirements in Part 91 (which now apply to horses, cattle, bison, sheep, swine, and goats) also apply to captive cervids. Captive cervids have been determined to be a source of tuberculosis infection. The proposed amendment appears necessary to help prevent the spread of tuberculosis and facilitate the eradication of tuberculosis in livestock in the United States.
6.	Objective and rationale: Health
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: The International Office of Epizootics recommends testing for TB but does not provide specific methodology pertaining to this species. The methodology the United States is proposing is based on internationally accepted protocols.

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8.	Relevant documents: 61 FR 14991, 4 April 1996; 9 CFR Parts 77 and 91
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: The effective date is expected to be later this year.
10.	Final date for comments: 3 June 1996
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address and telefax number of other body: USDA/FAS/OFSTS Attn: Carolyn F. Wilson Room 5545 South Agriculture Building 14th and Independence Washington, D.C. 20250 Tel: (202) 720-2239 Fax: (202) 690-0677