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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) 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): meat products 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [X] [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Elimination of the Requirement That Livestock Carcasses Be Marked U.S. Inspected and Passed at the Time of Inspection Within a Slaughter Establishment for Carcasses To Be Further Processed Within the Same Establishment. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4 https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FSIS FRDOC 0001-0578 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/USA/18 4501 00 e.pdf 6. Description of content: FSIS is proposing to amend the Federal meat inspection regulations to eliminate the requirement that livestock carcasses be marked with the official inspection legend at the time of inspection in a slaughter establishment, if the carcasses are to be further processed in the same establishment. 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests. 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex [] standard or related text): World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic [] Animal Health Code, chapter number): International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): [] [X] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? []Yes []No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

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- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** To be determined.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.

- **11.** Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: Not applicable.
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- **12.** Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 1 October 2018

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