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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: Environmental Protection Agency
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): Crop Group 25: Herb Group and Crop Group 26: Spice Group
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Tolerance Crop Grouping Program V, Pesticide Tolerances. Proposed Rule. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 23 https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-08-27/html/2019-18285.htm
6. Description of content: EPA is proposing revisions to its pesticide tolerance crop grouping regulations, which allow the establishment of tolerances for multiple related crops based on data from a representative set of crops. EPA is proposing to revise one commodity definition, add three new commodity definitions, and amend the current herbs and spices crop group currently provided in Crop Group 19. The crops in the current "Crop Group 19: Herbs and Spices Group" will be separated into two new crop groups, "Crop Group 25: Herb Group" and "Crop Group 26: Spice Group". Once final, these revisions will increase the utility and benefit of the crop grouping system for producers and other stakeholders involved in commercial agriculture. This is the fifth in a series of planned crop group updates expected to be prepared over the next several years.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: This proposed rule is the fifth in a series of planned crop group amendments expected to be completed over the next several years. The previous four crop group amendment rules were finalized on 7 December 2007 (72 FR 69150); 8 December 2010 (75 FR 76284); 22 August 2012 (77 FR 50617); and 3 May 2016 (81 FR 26471) (Refs. 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively). Specific information and details regarding the history of the crop group regulations, the previous amendments to the regulations, and the process for amending crop groups can be found in the Federal Register of 23 May 2007 (Ref. 5) and in the docket for this action under docket identifier EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0766 at http://regulations.gov (available in English).</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. [] Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 October 2019 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Michael L. Goodis, P.E., Director, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; Main telephone number: +(703) 305 7090; E-mail: RDFRNotices@epa.gov</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-08-27/html/2019-18285.htm</p>