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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Animal Plant Health Inspections Service - APHIS
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): Cattle
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Mexico
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Cattle from Mexico, English, PP. 33028-33030, Volume 68, Number 106, 9 CFR, Part 93, http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html
6.	Description of content: APHIS is proposing to amend the animal importation regulations to prohibit the importation of Holstein cross steers and Holstein cross spayed heifers from Mexico. The regulations currently prohibit the importation of Holstein steers and Holstein spayed heifers from Mexico due to the high incidence of tuberculosis in that breed, but do not place any special restrictions on the importation of Holstein cross steers and Holstein cross spayed heifers from Mexico. Given that the incidence of tuberculosis in Holstein cross cattle and Holstein cross steers is comparable to the incidence of tuberculosis in Holstein steers and Holstein spayed heifers, this action is necessary to protect the health of domestic livestock in the United States.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: Chapter 2.3.3
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English
10.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.

- 12. Final date for comments:** 4 August 2003. Please refer comments to Docket 001-113-1 Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3c71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238

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:

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