NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection 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):** Boxwood, Holly, and *Euonymus* spp. plants for planting |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Canada |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Federal Order: APHIS amends import requirements of *Buxus* spp., *Euonymus* spp., and *Ilex* spp. plants for planting from Canada [DA-2021-11]. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_imports/federal_order/downloads/2021/da-2021-11.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Effective immediately, the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is amending entry requirements for importation of boxwood (*Buxus* spp.), Euonymus (*Euonymus* spp.), and holly (*Ilex* spp.) plants for planting from Canada to prevent introduction of box tree moth (*Cydalima perspectalis*). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [****X] plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****X] protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** Box tree moth is a serious pest of boxwood, Euonymus, holly, and curry leaf tree (*Murraya* spp.), and these hosts are a pathway for entry of this pest into the United States. Box tree moth symptoms include green-black frass and silk threads on the host plant. Larvae feeding on leaves causes defoliation and mortality. Bark feeding by larvae results in desiccation and death of plants. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) first detected box tree moth at two sites in Toronto (Ontario), Canada in August 2018. In November 2018, CFIA confirmed the presence of this pest in an urban neighborhood in Toronto and posted an official pest report in the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Phytosanitary Alert System in February 2019. This was the first confirmed report of this pest in North America. Most recently, on 30 April 2021, CFIA provided information on the detection of the pest at a nursery in St. Catharines, Ontario. CFIA subsequently indicated the pest may be present in the surrounding environment.This action is necessary because APHIS has determined that the introduction and establishment of the box tree moth poses a serious threat to agriculture in the United States. |
| **9.** | **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:**  |
| **10.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 26 May 2021**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **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:** Narasimha Chary Samboju, at +(301) 851 2038 or narasimha.c.samboju@usda.gov. |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_imports/federal_order/downloads/2021/da-2021-11.pdf> |