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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):** Hass avocado |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ] All trading partners** **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Guatemala |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Final Rule: Decision To Authorize the Importation of Fresh Hass Avocado From Guatemala Into the United States [Docket No. APHIS-2024-0014]. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 4<https://www.regulations.gov/document/APHIS-2024-0014-0053> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** We are advising the public of our decision to authorize the importation of fresh Hass avocado (*Persea americana* var. Hass) fruit from Guatemala into the United States. Based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, which we made available to the public for review and comment, we have determined that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the importation of fresh Hass avocado fruit from Guatemala. (Federal Register, Vol. 89, No, 217, Friday, 8 November 2024, pp. 88712-88715) |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] 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:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**  |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 8 November 2024**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 8 November 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 8 November 2024**[X] Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable**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:** Dr Esther Serrano, Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737; +(954) 699 4504 |
| **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.regulations.gov/document/APHIS-2024-0014-0053> |