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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture |
| **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):** Fresh fruits of apples |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** United States of America |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Draft amendments of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Fresh Apples from the United States". **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/TPKM/18_5705_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Article 5.9 of the draft "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Fresh Apples from the United States" was revised to extend the duration for export after the export inspection is completed. |
| **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)*:** **[****X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** ISPM 14**[ ]** **None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[****X] 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:** The draft amendments of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Fresh Apples from The United States" (Council of Agriculture Announcement No. Nong-Fang-Zi-1071494477A dated 31 October 2018) can be found at: <http://www.coa.gov.tw/> (available in Chinese). |
| **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)*:** To be determined.**[****X] Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 4 January 2019**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture9 F., No. 100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 10070, TaiwanTel: +(886) 2 3343 2091Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw |
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