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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):** *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid 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:** Germany; Netherlands |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Importation of *Phalaenopsis* spp. Orchid Plants for Planting in Approved Growing Media From Germany and the Netherlands Into the United States [Docket No. APHIS-2024-0001]. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2  <https://www.regulations.gov/document/APHIS-2024-0001-0001> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** We are proposing to authorize the importation of *Phalaenopsis*spp. orchid plants from Germany and the Netherlands in approved growing media into the United States. As a condition of entry, *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants in approved growing media from Germany and the Netherlands would have to meet all relevant requirements included in the US Department of Agriculture Plants for Planting Manual and detailed in a bilateral workplan. This proposed action would allow for the importation of *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants for planting from Germany and the Netherlands in approved growing media while providing protection against the introduction of plant pests. (Federal Register, Vol. 89, No. 215, Wednesday, 6 November 2024, pp. 87999-88000) |
| **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)*:** 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.  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 6 January 2025  **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 Narasimha Chary Samboju, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; +(301) 851 2038; [Narasimha.C.Samboju@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Narasimha.C.Samboju@aphis.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.regulations.gov/document/APHIS-2024-0001-0001> |