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Act of 1978.  
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#### Instructions for Attending the Meeting

Space for attendance at the listening session is limited. All organizations wishing to speak at the listening session must register by emailing [REElistens@usda.gov](mailto:REElistens@usda.gov) by 5 p.m. Eastern on March 20, 2019. To register, the following information will be required:

- Attendee contact information;
- Company or organization representation information;
- Farm Bill topic interests; and
- The number of speakers.

• *Optional:* Written comments submitted to the **Federal Register** by 5 p.m. Eastern on March 29, 2019.

Upon arrival at the USDA, only registered persons providing valid photo identification will be permitted to enter. Extra time should be allotted to get through airport style security.

All written comments received will be publicly available on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, use the contact information above. The listening session location is accessible to persons with disabilities.

REE is interested in all comments. Additionally, feedback and comments received on REE-related sections may

inform future webinars/listening sessions.

**Stephen Censky,**  
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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2018-0030]

##### Notice of Availability of an Evaluation of the Fever Tick Status of the State of Baja California, Mexico

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We are notifying the public that we have prepared an evaluation of the State of Baja California, Mexico for fever ticks. The evaluation concludes that this region is free from fever ticks, and that ruminants imported from the area pose a low risk of exposing ruminants within the United States to fever ticks. We are making the evaluation available for review and comment.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 20, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0030>.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*

Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2018-0030, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0030> or

in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Betzaida Lopez, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Strategy and Policy, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 851-3300.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations in 9 CFR part 93 prohibit or

restrict the importation of certain animals, birds, and poultry into the United States to prevent the introduction of communicable diseases of livestock and poultry. Subpart D of part 93 (§§ 93.400 through 93.436, referred to below as the regulations) governs the importation of ruminants; within the regulations, §§ 93.424 through 93.429 specifically address the importation of various ruminants from Mexico into the United States.

The regulations in paragraph (b)(1) of § 93.427 contain conditions for the importation of ruminants from regions of Mexico that we consider free from fever ticks (*Boophilus annulatus*). Regions of Mexico that we consider free from fever ticks are listed at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/animal-health-status-of-regions/animal-health-status-of-regions>.

Mexico has asked the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to recognize the State of Baja California as a region free from fever ticks. In response to this request, we have prepared an evaluation of the fever tick status of this region. The evaluation concludes that the State of Baja California is free from fever ticks, and that ruminants imported from the region pose a low risk of exposing ruminants within the United States to fever ticks.

We are making the evaluation available for public review and comment. The assessment is available on the [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) website (see ADDRESSES above) or by contacting the person listed in this document under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. After the close of the comment period, we will notify the public of our final determination regarding the fever tick status of the State of Baja California.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1622 and 8301–8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, March 13, 2019.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2018–0043]

#### Notice of Availability of an Evaluation of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Status of Singapore

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that we are proposing to recognize Singapore as being free of foot-and-mouth disease. This proposed recognition is based on an evaluation we have prepared in connection with this action, which we are making available for review and comment.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 20, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0043>.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2018–0043, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0043> or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Roberta A. Morales, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Regionalization Evaluation Services, Strategy and Policy, VS, APHIS, 920 Main Campus Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 855–7735; [Roberta.A.Morales@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Roberta.A.Morales@aphis.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of certain animals and animal products into the United States to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases, including foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). The regulations prohibit or restrict the importation of live ruminants and swine, and products

from these animals, from regions where APHIS considers FMD to exist.

Within part 94, § 94.1 contains requirements governing the importation of ruminants and swine from regions where FMD exists and the importation of the meat of any ruminants or swine from regions where FMD exists to prevent the introduction of this disease into the United States. We consider FMD to exist in all regions except those listed in accordance with paragraph (a) of that section as free of FMD.

Section 94.11 of the regulations contains requirements governing the importation of meat of any ruminants or swine from regions that have been determined to be free of FMD, but that are subject to certain restrictions because of their proximity to or trading relationships with FMD-affected regions. Such regions are listed in accordance with paragraph (a) of that section.

The regulations in 9 CFR part 92, § 92.2, contain requirements for requesting the recognition of the animal health status of a region (as well as for the approval of the export of a particular type of animal or animal product to the United States from a foreign region). If, after review and evaluation of the information submitted in support of the request, APHIS believes the request can be safely granted, APHIS will make its evaluation available for public comment through a document published in the **Federal Register**. Following the close of the comment period, APHIS will review all comments received and will make a final determination regarding the request that will be detailed in another document published in the **Federal Register**.

Singapore submitted a request to APHIS to evaluate the FMD status of the country. In response to this request, APHIS conducted a qualitative risk assessment to evaluate Singapore with respect to this disease. Based on this evaluation, APHIS recognizes Singapore to be free of FMD. APHIS has also determined that the surveillance, prevention, and control measures implemented by Singapore are sufficient to minimize the likelihood of introducing FMD into the United States via imports of species susceptible to this disease or products of those species. Our determination supports adding Singapore to the Web-based list of regions APHIS considers free of FMD.

Therefore, in accordance with § 92.2(e), we are announcing the availability of our risk evaluation of the FMD status of Singapore for public review and comment. We are also announcing the availability of an environmental assessment (EA), which