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US — proposed rule for user fees for quarantine and inspection services

Mexico raised concerns about a new proposed regulation presented by the US Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in April 2014 that it said would substantially raise inspection fees by more than 200% for certain lorries and other modes of transport. Mexican lorry traffic would be the most affected by the fee hike, which Mexico said was inconsistent with provisions of the WTO agreements (including the SPS Agreement) as well as the North American free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The US responded that the fee hike was still under review and that it would take into account Mexico's concerns.