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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 17 December 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the <u>European Union</u>.

Multiannual survey programmes, notifications concerning the presence of regulated non-quarantine pests, temporary derogations from import prohibitions and special import requirements and establishment of procedures for granting them, temporary import requirements for high-risk plants, plant products and other objects, the establishment of procedures for the listing of high-risk plants, the content of phytosanitary certificates and the use of plant passports, and as regards certain reporting requirements for demarcated areas and surveys of pests and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as regards certain notifications of non-compliance

The proposal notified in <u>G/SPS/N/EU/694</u> (16 November 2023) is now adopted by Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/3115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 as regards multiannual survey programmes, notifications concerning the presence of regulated non-quarantine pests, temporary derogations from import prohibitions and special import requirements and establishment of procedures for granting them, temporary import requirements for high-risk plants, plant products and other objects, the establishment of procedures for the listing of high-risk plants, the content of phytosanitary certificates and the use of plant passports, and as regards certain reporting requirements for demarcated areas and surveys of pests and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as regards certain notifications of non-compliance.

This Regulation enters into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. **However**, the obligation for non-EU trading partners to specify under the heading "Additional Declaration" of the phytosanitary certificate the full wording of the specific requirement for regulated non-quarantine pests **(RNQPs)** that is fulfilled, **applies from 6 July 2026**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

As a follow-up to the amendment of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests, by Regulation (EU) 2024/3115, the European Commission invites **all** non-EU trading countries to consider the following when trading with the EU:

From 6 July 2026 onwards, non-EU trading partners are requested to specify in full wording under the heading 'Additional Declaration' of the phytosanitary certificate, which of the measures **prescribed in Annex V** of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 have been applied for compliance with an RNQP, when in that Annex different options are applicable. This obligation applies for each category of plants for planting when different categories are applicable. Before the entry into application of this requirement, The European Union will amend Annex V of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072, to facilitate the implementation of the provision by adjusting the wording and complementing the options (e.g. country freedom, pest free area etc.). The European Union will inform its non-EU trading partners when the amendment of Annex V will enter into force. The non-EU trading partners are advised to **wait until after the amendment of Annex V of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072** enters into force, to adjust their databases. However, any consignment of plants which falls within the scope of Annex IV of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072, arriving to the European Union **from 6 July 2026 onwards** should be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate which fulfils the requirement of an additional declaration regarding the measures for RNQPs.

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This addendum concerns a:

- [] Modification of final date for comments
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- [] Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- [] Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- [] Other:

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

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