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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
3.	<b>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):</b> Any articles of chapter 44 with components of ash wood ( <i>Fraxinus</i> spp.), mostly ash logs (HS code: 44.03.99) and ash lumber (HS code: 44.07.95)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> RMD-25-01 Emerald Ash Borer management in Canada. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 25 and 24
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> With most of the ash ( <i>Fraxinus</i> spp.) population being infested in Eastern Canada (Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia) and the pest continuing to spread, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) intends to reevaluate its management strategy for the emerald ash borer ( <i>Agilus planipennis</i> ), and consult with partners, industry, stakeholders and Indigenous Peoples on the best way forward.  The risk management document (RMD) outlines four options for managing EAB in Canada that are proposed for consultation. The CFIA is supporting option 2, which expands the regulated area to include entire provinces where EAB is already present in Eastern Canada.  The CFIA will review the feedback received through this consultation and make a final decision in early 2026. Any resulting changes are expected to be implemented in March 2026.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> ISPM 11 Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<p><b>[X] Yes [ ] No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>          CFIA Website: <a href="https://inspection.canada.ca/en/plant-health/invasive-species/directives/forest-products/03-08/regulated-areas">https://inspection.canada.ca/en/plant-health/invasive-species/directives/forest-products/03-08/regulated-areas</a>, Regulated areas and items: Emerald ash borer (available in English and French)</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> January 2026</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> March 2026</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> March 2026</p> <p><b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 November 2025</p> <p><b>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:</b></p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>The notice "RMD-25-01 Emerald Ash Borer management in Canada" is available through the following weblinks:  <a href="https://inspection.canada.ca/en/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/rmd-25-01">https://inspection.canada.ca/en/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/rmd-25-01</a> (English)  <a href="https://inspection.canada.ca/fr/propos-lacia/transparence/consultations-participation/dgr-25-01">https://inspection.canada.ca/fr/propos-lacia/transparence/consultations-participation/dgr-25-01</a> (French)</p> <p>Or requested from:          Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point          Technical Barriers and Regulations Division          Global Affairs Canada          111 Sussex Drive          Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2          Canada          Tel: +(343) 203 4273          Fax: +(613) 943 0346          E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@international.gc.ca">enquiry@international.gc.ca</a></p>