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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: CANADA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
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): <i>Abies</i> spp. Other rooted propagative material - trees, shrubs and bushes (without edible fruit or nuts) - (include greenhouse grown) (nursery stock) (HS code: 060290002303)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: RMD-25-03: Pest risk management document to deregulate <i>Phytophthora abietivora</i> in Canada. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 9
6.	Description of content: The risk management document includes a summary of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) risk assessments on <i>Phytophthora abietivora</i> and presents CFIA's regulatory decision under the authority of the <i>Plant Protection Act</i> . <i>Phytophthora abietivora</i> is a fungal plant pathogen reported as causing root rot in fir (<i>Abies</i> spp.) trees. It is a recently documented pathogen that was originally isolated from diseased Christmas trees (fraser fir, <i>Abies fraseri</i>) in 2019 in Connecticut, United States. Since 2024, the CFIA has confirmed its presence in four Christmas tree plantations in Quebec, one provincial park in Ontario, and in three sites in Nova Scotia. The Province of Quebec has also reported detections at over 50 sites across the province. Given the known distribution in Eastern Canada and the ineffectiveness of risk management options for this pathogen, the CFIA is proposing to deregulate <i>Phytophthora abietivora</i> in Canada. Risk management document RMD-25-03 presents CFIA's regulatory decision.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☐ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☒ 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): ISPM No. 1, 2, and 11

☐ 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): 16 January 2026 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:
13. Text(s) available from: ☐ National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: The notice "RMD-25-03 Pest risk management document to deregulate <i>Phytophthora abietivora</i> in Canada" is available through the following weblinks: https://inspection.canada.ca/en/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/deregulating-p-abietivora (English) https://inspection.canada.ca/fr/propos-lacia/transparence/consultations-participation/dereglementer-p-abietivora (French) Or requested at: 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: enquiry@international.gc.ca