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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: PANAMA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Dirección Nacional de Sanidad Vegetal</i> , DNSV (National Directorate of Plant Health), <i>Ministerio de Desarrollo Agropecuario</i> , MIDA (Ministry of Agricultural and Livestock Development)
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): Plants, products and by-products of plant origin, and other regulated items that require a phytosanitary certificate
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: <i>Certificados Fitosanitarios Electrónicos</i> (Electronic phytosanitary certificate). Language(s): English Number of pages: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/PAN/26_00798_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The notified document is submitted pursuant to the fact that Panama is one of the 125 countries using the Generic ePhyto National System (GeNS), through the HUB of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), to send and receive phytosanitary certificates in accordance with ISPM 12. In conformity with that standard, phytosanitary certification is used to attest that consignments meet phytosanitary import requirements and is undertaken by an NPPO. As of 1 March 2026, Panama will no longer issue paper-based phytosanitary certificates to countries using the ePhyto solution. The same measure will apply in future to countries that deploy the ePhyto solution and that are currently in the testing phase and/or registered.
7. Objective and rationale: <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM 12, Phytosanitary certificates, electronic phytosanitary certificates <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 March 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 18 December 2025</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 March 2026</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 April 2026</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><i>Ministerio de Desarrollo Agropecuario</i> (Ministry of Agricultural and Livestock Development) <i>Dirección Nacional de Sanidad Vegetal</i>, DNSV (National Directorate of Plant Health) Rio Tapia, Tocumen, apartado 081601611, Zona 5, Panama Tel.: (+507) 504-4663 Email: emquintero@mida.gob.pa certificaciondnsv@gmail.com</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><i>Ministerio de Desarrollo Agropecuario</i> (Ministry of Agricultural and Livestock Development) <i>Dirección Nacional de Sanidad Vegetal</i>, DNSV (National Directorate of Plant Health) Rio Tapia, Tocumen, apartado 081601611, Zona 5, Panama Tel.: (+507) 504-4663 Email: emquintero@mida.gob.pa certificaciondnsv@gmail.com</p>