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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
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 (HS Chapters: 06 (live plants))
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: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards exemptions from the measures to prevent the presence of regulated non-quarantine pests on specific plants for planting. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01448_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The draft legal act amends Article 6(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 and adds a new Article 6a, in view of clarifying the cases of plants for planting, -either imported into the European Union or moved within the European Union-, where exemptions from the rules of Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests (RNQPs) are possible. Certain conditions are put in place under which those exemptions should be applied. In this context: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article 6(3) aligns the cases of plants for planting exempted from the RNQP requirements with the cases of the corresponding plant propagating material exempted from the scope of the EU marketing Directives (Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 98/56/EC, 1999/105/EC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC, 2002/57/EC, 2008/72/EC and 2008/90/EC);• New Article 6a clarifies the cases of seed not finally certified and seed as grown, imported into the European Union or moved within the European Union, which can be destined for further processing before being placed on the EU market. The clarification of the exemptions from the rules for RNQPs, has as objective to facilitate trade while the envisaged conditions ensure plant protection.
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 type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISPM 1 Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade - ISPM 7 Phytosanitary certification system - ISPM 16 Regulated non-quarantine pests: concept and application - ISPM 20 Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system - ISPM 21 Pest risk analysis for regulated non-quarantine pests <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <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: Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 on protective measures against pests of plants: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016R2031&qid=1742299423644 (available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): June 2026</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): June 2026</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This Regulation shall enter into force and become immediately applicable on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Thirty days from the date of circulation of the notification.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>