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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
<b>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):</b> Plants (HS Chapters: 06 (live plants))
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annexes II, VII and VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards measures to prevent the entry into, presence, establishment and spread within, the Union territory of <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 5+3  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01450_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01450_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01450_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01450_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The draft legal act provides for measures against <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> . These measures should replace temporary measures provided under Regulation (EU) 2022/1372 which will expire on 30 June 2026.  This includes measures regarding the introduction of rooted plants for planting of <i>Oryza sativa</i> that have been grown in soil, originating in countries, areas or places of production which are free from <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> .
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ISPM 1 Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade</li><li>- ISPM 4 Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas</li><li>- ISPM 10 Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ISPM 12 Phytosanitary certificates</li> <li>- ISPM 23 Guidelines for inspection</li> <li>- ISPM 29 Recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 on protective measures against pests of plants: <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016R2031&amp;qid=1742299423644">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016R2031&amp;qid=1742299423644</a></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> June 2026</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> June 2026</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 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 type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 15 May 2026</p> <p><b>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:</b></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: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a></p>
<p><b>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:</b></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: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a></p>