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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA), Ministry for Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)
<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> Seeds for sowing and pollen for pollination (when imported by hand-carried baggage, mail, courier service, or household goods)
<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> Notification of change of Phytosanitary measure for seeds for sowing and pollen for pollination without a Phytosanitary Certificate. <b>Language(s):</b> English and Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 7 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_03070_00_e.PDF">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_03070_00_e.PDF</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Republic of Korea has amended its phytosanitary regulation concerning the importation of seeds for sowing and pollen for pollination. Effective 5 September 2026, all imports of seed for sowing and pollen for pollination must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of the exporting country, regardless of the means of transport or quantity.  This phytosanitary measure has been introduced to address the risk associated with the detection of unauthorized living modified organisms (LMOs) and quarantine pests in imported seeds.
<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"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization 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 7, 11, 12 <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<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>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 4 June 2026</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 4 June 2026</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 September 2026</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 August 2026</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input 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>Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs /MAFRA  94 Dasom2-ro, Government Complex-Sejong, Sejong-si 339-012, Republic of Korea  Tel: +(82 44) 201 2080/2081  Fax: +(82 44) 868 0449  E-mail: <a href="mailto:wtoagri@korea.kr">wtoagri@korea.kr</a></p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input 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>Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs /MAFRA  94 Dasom2-ro, Government Complex-Sejong, Sejong-si 339-012, Republic of Korea  Tel: +(82 44) 201 2080/2081  Fax: +(82 44) 868 0449  E-mail: <a href="mailto:wtoagri@korea.kr">wtoagri@korea.kr</a></p>