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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 23 September 2026, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Türkiye.

Regulation on Plant Quarantine

It was announced that the revised Plant Quarantine Regulation was published on 6 May 2026, and the SPS notification was published with the symbol G/SPS/N/TUR/23/Rev.1/Add.2.

In addition, the English text of the Plant Quarantine Regulation, which was published on 6 May 2026 and entered into force on 4 August 2026, was announced with the symbol G/SPS/N/TUR/23/Rev.1/Add.4, along with the SPS notification.

With the entry into force of the Regulation on 4 August 2026, paragraph 13 of Article 8 of the Regulation was titled "Import Control" and *The provision states that:*

"For plants and plant products listed in Annex-4 for which pest-free area information relating to the production site is required, the list of areas designated as free from the relevant pest by the national plant protection organisation in the country of origin is notified in advance in accordance with the relevant ISPMs. In the event of a change in the phytosanitary status of the areas reported as free from the pest, the national plant protection organization shall submit an updated list of such areas."

In this context, for the import of plants and plant products listed in Annex 4 for which information on pest-free areas related to the production area is required, the list of areas determined by the country of origin's National Plant Protection Organization to be free from the relevant pest must be officially notified in advance to our country's National Plant Protection Organization.

Official controls of the relevant shipments will not be initiated until the said free area lists are officially notified to our country by the National Plant Protection Organization of the country of origin. As stated in subparagraph (b) of paragraph 1 of Article 16 of the Regulation, 20 days are given to complete the deficiencies in the documents. If the deficiencies cannot be completed within this period, the procedures for the return of the shipments to the exporting country will be initiated.

This addendum concerns a:

- ☐ [] Modification of final date for comments
- ☐ [] Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- ☐ [] Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- ☐ [] Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- ☐ [] Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☒ [X] Other: Notification of the List of Areas Free from Harmful Organisms for the Import of Plants and Plant Products .

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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