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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>TÜRKIYE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control
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): Plant and Plant Products Subjected to Phytosanitary Certificates
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Fumigation and Disinfection Procedures for the Importation of Plants, Plant Products, and Other Substances. Language(s): . Number of pages:
6.	Description of content: During the import of plants, plant products and other substances to Türkiye; The Phytosanitary Certificate - issued by the official plant protection service of the exporting country addressed to Türkiye and in accordance with the ISPM 12 (International Phytosanitary Measures-Phytosanitary Certificates) standard must accompany the product. Information regarding the treatment carried out in the exporting country must be clearly stated in the "Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment" section of the Phytosanitary Certificates. Where fumigation is carried out by the exporting country, whether at the request of the importing country (Türkiye) or otherwise, all treatments applied shall be fully specified in the relevant section(s) of the Phytosanitary Certificate (Disinfection and/or Disinfestation Treatment Section). Fumigation is an important pest control method for plants, plant products, and other materials, particularly in terms of controlling pests, reducing product losses, and meeting quarantine requirements. The Regulation on Plant Quarantine stipulates that fumigation must be carried out by the exporting country for certain products. However, even when fumigation is not required under the Regulation on Plant Quarantine, it is known that, in some cases, exporting countries fumigate consignments to mitigate the risk of products being exposed to contamination by harmful organisms during transportation. Because the plant protection products used for fumigation are toxic, they pose significant risks to living organisms, food safety, and the environment. In order to prevent such high risks and potential adverse consequences, the details of the fumigation treatment must be fully declared on the certificate for all consignments that have undergone fumigation, and the relevant fumigation documents must accompany the Phytosanitary Certificate.

Furthermore, according to ISPM-12, the specified treatments must be those that are acceptable to the importing country and that are carried out or initiated in the exporting country under the supervision or authority of the exporting country's National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) to meet the phytosanitary import requirements.
7. Objective and rationale: ☐ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☒ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☒ protect territory from other damage from pests. Inclusion in the phytosanitary certificate of information regarding plant protection products (fumigants) used to prevent potential adverse effects of fumigation on living organisms.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: ☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): ☐ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): ☒ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 12 ☐ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☒ Yes ☐ No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable
11. Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 January 2027 ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Food and Control Address: Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu-Ankara/Türkiye Tel: +(90 312) 258 7452 Fax: +(90 312) 258 7472 E-mail: nppoturkiye@tarimorman.gov.tr

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