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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture
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): Artificially-processed soils
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 of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Artificially-processed Soils". Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/TPKM/17_0324_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Artificially-processed soils are defined as products manufactured by using soils as raw materials and processed under high temperature to eliminate pests of concern completely. Artificially-processed soils with core temperature higher than 200°C and heating time lasting more than 30 minutes can be imported. Moreover, the products must be accompanied with a phytosanitary certificate (PC) issued by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of exporting countries. The PCs must state the processing temperature, heating time, as well as the name and address of the manufacturer. In addition, the processing certificates issued by the original manufacturer must be attached to PCs. Moreover, each packaging unit shall be marked with relevant information and all of the information must be consistent with the PC and the processing certificate issued by the exporting country. Measures in case of non-compliance for imported artificially-processed soils are included in the requirements as well.
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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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):

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No.32</p> <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: The draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Artificially-processed Soils" (Council of Agriculture Announcement No. Nong-Fang-Zi-1051494544A dated 28 November 2016) can be found at: http://www.coa.gov.tw/ (available in Chinese)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 March 2017</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture 9 F, No. 100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 10070, Taiwan Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091 Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200 E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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>Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture 9 F, No. 100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 10070, Taiwan Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091 Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200 E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw</p>