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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: MALAYSIA

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- **2. Agency responsible:** Plant Biosecurity Division, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry
- 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):

List of Products:

- 1. Betel leaves (Piper betle) Fresh leaves
- 2. Chillies (Famili: Solanaceae, Genus: Capsicum) Fresh fruit
- 3. Durian (Durio zibethinus) Fresh fruit

Note: Under Malaysian Customs Duties Order 2012:

- a. Betel leaves (*Piper betle*) 0709.99 900 and 1404.90 000
- b. Chillies (Famili: Solanaceae, Genus: Capsicum) 0709.60 200
- c. Durian (Durio zibethinus) 0810.60 000
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **Title of the notified document:** New Import Requirements for Importation of Betel Leaves (Fresh Leaves), Chillies (Fresh) and Durian (Fresh Fruits) into Malaysia commencing 1 March 2017. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2

http://www.doa.gov.my/myimport

6. Description of content: The document contains information on the implementation of new import requirements for fresh betel leaves, fresh chillies and fresh durian into Malaysia.

Importation of the listed commodity is exempted from IP and PC if the consignment arrives in Malaysia and declaration of bill of lading/airway is made before 31 December 2016.

Full implementation shall commence from 1 March 2017.

7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.

- 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):
 - [X] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM 12
 - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[] Yes [X] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: There is no specific standard (ISPM) under the IPPC that is related to the importation of fresh betel leaves, fresh chillies and fresh durian. However, the proposed new import requirement does conform to other ISPMs e.g. ISPM 12 - Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates.

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
New Import Requirements for Importation of Betel Leaves (Fresh Leaves), Chillies
(Fresh) and Durian (Fresh Fruits) into Malaysia commencing 1 March 2017.

The document can be accessed at http://www.doa.gov.my/myimport (available in Malay).

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 March 2017

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 January 2017

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 March 2017
 - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 April 2017

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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