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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
<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> Numerous positions under chapters 6 (Live trees and other plants), 7 (Edible vegetables), 8 (Edible fruit) and 44 (Wood and articles of wood)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Implementing Decision amending Annexes I to V to Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 34 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_0805_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_0805_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This text introduces amendments to the Annexes of the EU Plant Health Directive (Council Directive 2000/29/EC) listing the EU regulated harmful organisms (quarantine plant pests) as well as to the Annexes laying down provisions for the introduction into, and movement within, the Union of plants, plant products and other objects.  Import requirements for plants or plant products of the following plant orders/families/genera/species are introduced or are amended:  <i>Amelanchier</i> Medik.; <i>Aronia</i> Medik.; <i>Begonia</i> L.; <i>Capsicum</i> (L.); <i>Choisya</i> Kunth; <i>Citrus</i> L.; <i>Cotoneaster</i> Medik.; <i>Crataegus</i> L.; <i>Cydonia</i> Mill.; <i>Dipladenia</i> A.DC.; <i>Ficus</i> L.; <i>Fortunella Swingle</i> ; <i>Hibiscus</i> L.; <i>Mandevilla</i> Lindl.; <i>Malus</i> Mill.; <i>Microcitrus Swingle</i> ; <i>Murraya</i> J. Koenig ex L.; <i>Naringi</i> Adans.; <i>Nerium oleander</i> L.; <i>Pinus</i> L.; <i>Platanus</i> L.; <i>Poncirus</i> Raf.; <i>Punica granatum</i> L.; <i>Prunus</i> L.; <i>Pyracantha</i> M. Roem.; <i>Pyrus</i> L.; <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.; <i>Solanum melongena</i> L.; <i>Sorbus</i> L.; <i>Swinglea</i> Merr. and <i>Palmae</i> , intended for planting, having a diameter of the stem at the base of over 5 cm and belonging to the following taxa: <i>Areca catechu</i> L., <i>Arenga pinnata</i> (Wurmb) Merr., <i>Bismarckia</i> Hildebr. & H.Wendl., <i>Borassus flabellifer</i> L., <i>Brahea</i> Mart., <i>Butia</i> Becc., <i>Calamus merrillii</i> Becc., <i>Caryota maxima</i> Blume, <i>Caryota cumingii</i> Lodd. ex Mart., <i>Chamaerops</i> L., <i>Cocos nucifera</i> L., <i>Copernicia</i> Mart., <i>Corypha utan</i> Lam., <i>Elaeis guineensis</i> Jacq., <i>Howea forsteriana</i> Becc., <i>Jubaea</i> Kunth, <i>Livistona</i> R. Br., <i>Metroxylon sagu</i> Rottb., <i>Phoenix</i> L., <i>Pritchardia</i> Seem. & H.Wendl., <i>Ravenea rivularis</i> Jum. & H.Perrier, <i>Roystonea regia</i> (Kunth) O. F. Cook, <i>Sabal</i> Adans., <i>Syagrus</i> Mart., <i>Trachycarpus</i> H. Wendl., <i>Trithrinax</i> Mart., <i>Washingtonia</i> Raf.  Further modifications of import requirements concern the following general classes of plants and plant products: plants intended for planting, plants with roots; plants of herbaceous species, wood, wood packaging material and fruits and vegetables.

<p>The following harmful organisms are added to the list of EU quarantine pests: <i>Bactericera cockerelli</i> (Sulc.); <i>Keiferia lycopersicella</i> (Walsingham); <i>Saperda candida</i> Fabricius; <i>Thaumatotibia leucotreta</i> (Meyrick); <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> Denis &amp; Schiffermüller.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>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.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b>          ISPM No. 1 "Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade"; ISPM No. 15 "Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>A consolidated text of Council Directive 2000/29/EC is available at:  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02000L0029-20140630">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02000L0029-20140630</a></p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</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): Three days after publication; applicable five months after publication.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></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): 14 April 2017</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" 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>European Commission          DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations          Rue Froissart 101          B-1049 Brussels          Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263          Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090          E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>

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