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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: ARMENIA

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: The Eurasian Economic Commission
- 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): Goods (products) subject to phytosanitary control
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Draft of the Eurasian Economic Commission Council Decision on Amendments to the Common quarantine phytosanitary requirements for quarantine products and quarantined objects on the customs border and the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union. Language(s): Russian. Number of pages: 19 https://docs.eaeunion.org/ria/ru-ru/0102833/ria 20022018
- **6. Description of content:** This draft provides for the amendment of the existing requirements as follows:
  - provisions permitting the importation into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union of soybeans infected with the causative agent of purple cercosporosa (*Cercospora kikuchii*) for processing;
  - requirements for enterprises processing soybeans infected with the causative agent of soybean purple cercospora (*Cercospora kikuchii*);
  - possibility of importation in hand luggage and baggage of passengers without phytosanitary certificate of melons, watermelons and pumpkins, in an amount not exceeding 1 piece, the weight of which can significantly exceed the previously permitted 5 kilograms;
  - possibility of sending products of high phytosanitary risk subject to quarantine phytosanitary control without phytosanitary certificate (except seed and planting material) in postal items;
  - clarification of the requirements for fresh citrus fruits, bananas and plantain bananas;
  - possibility of moving certain types of products subject to quarantine phytosanitary control in bulk within the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union.

In addition, changes have been made to the wording of a number of requirements, which prevent double interpretation and duplication of requirements for the same type of products subject to quarantine phytosanitary control.

The draft provides for elimination from the existing requirements, the conditions for:

- origin of unrooted cuttings of fruit, berry and nut-bearing crops from zones, places, production areas free from soil quarantine objects;
- origin of grain processing products, meal and oil-cakes from zones, places, production sites free of *Striga* spp plants;
- fruits of oak and chestnut;
- transportation of timber.

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7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] 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): International Plant Protection Convention (e.q. ISPM [X] number): International standards for phytosanitary measures N° 7, 12, 15, 20, 32 [] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [X] 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): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. [X] Trade facilitating measure Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the 12. notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 21 April 2018 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: The Eurasian Economic Commission Department for sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary measures 2, Letnikovskaya Lane 105064 Moscow, Russian Federation Tel: +(7 495) 669 24 00 (ext. 5168) Fax: +(7 495) 669 24 15 E-mail: t.zhukova@eecommission.org dept sps@eecommission.org 13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: The Eurasian Economic Commission Department for sanitary, phytosanitary and veterinary measures 2, Letnikovskaya Lane 105064 Moscow, Russian Federation Tel: +(7 495) 669 24 00 (ext. 5168) Fax: +(7 495) 669 24 15 E-mail: t.zhukova@eecommission.org dept\_sps@eecommission.org