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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Canadian Food Inspection Agency
<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> All plant, animal and food commodities
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Notice to International Trading Partners: Progress Towards Electronic Certification. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 5 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_4011_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_4011_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_4011_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_4011_01_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_4011_02_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_4011_02_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_4011_03_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_4011_03_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is launching electronic export certificates for plant, animal and food commodities. Certificates will now be signed with either ink or electronic signature and can be viewed securely online. The automation of export processes and certificates will be phased in throughout 2018-2020.  The attached document "The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is moving to Electronic Certification" outlines the minor procedural and format changes the CFIA has made to electronic export certificates, also attached are samples of the new format of Canadian electronic export certificates. These changes are only impacting CFIA general purpose and/or internationally recognized certificates.  All bilaterally negotiated certificates remain unchanged. For bilaterally negotiated certificates that will be launched electronically, the CFIA will engage with foreign competent authorities directly. All negotiated export requirements for public or plant/animal health requirements and associated attestations for bilaterally negotiated certificates remain in place.  This measure is also notified to the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade as G/TBT/N/CAN/561.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<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></p> <p>For phytosanitary export certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISPM No. 12: Phytosanitary certificates.</li> <li>• International Plant Protection Convention, 2014</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><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>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>Samples of the New Format of Canadian Electronic Export Certificates for:</p> <p>Food Dairy Certificate CFIA/ACIA 5813</p> <p>Meat - Certificate CFIA/ACIA 1454</p> <p>Plant Phytosanitary Export Certificate</p> <p>Re-export Certificate</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Electronic export certificates will be phased in throughout 2018-2020. Adoption of CFIA electronic export certificates will be notified to the Committee.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Dairy Certificate (formerly TS-1, CFIA/ACIA 5813): Mid 2018-19</p> <p>Meat Certificate (CFIA/ACIA 1454): Late 2018-19</p> <p>Phytosanitary Certificate: 2019</p> <p>Re-export Phytosanitary Certificate: 2019</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 25 September 2018</p> <p><b>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:</b></p>

- 13. Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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