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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 8 January 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Union.

Procedures to Carry Out the Risk Assessment of Plants Listed as High Risk Plants

The European Union notified with G/SPS/N/EU/272/Add.2 the adoption of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 establishing a provisional list of high risk plants, plant products or other objects, within the meaning of Article 42 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and a list of plants for which phytosanitary certificates are not required for introduction into the Union, within the meaning of Article 73 of that Regulation.

The European Union would now like to inform WTO Members about the adoption of Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/2018 detailing the procedures and the information required to carry out the risk assessment when a demand for import of high risk plants exists (OJ 323, 19 December 2018, p. 7-9).

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2018.323.01.0007.01.ENG&toc=OJ:L:2018:323:TO

This Regulation shall apply from 14 December 2019, but dossiers can be submitted from the date of publication of this text.

The demand for import of plants listed as high risk plants accompanied by the technical dossier with all the elements needed to carry out the risk assessment, as indicated in Regulation (EU) 2018/2018, should be sent to the plant health contact point of the European Commission, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety: SANTE-G1-PLANT-HEALTH@ec.europa.eu.

As of 14 December 2019, the import into the EU territory of the plants listed under points 1 and 2 of Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2018/2019, listing high risk plants, will be prohibited until a risk assessment has been carried out.

SPECIFIC PROCEDURE TO EXPORT FRUITS OF MOMORDICA AND WOOD OF ULMUS

The Commission invites the countries exporting these commodities to the European Union to communicate prior to 14 December 2019, the following information in relation to fruits of *Momordica* L. and wood of *Ulmus* L.:

- a) For the import of fruits of *Momordica* L.:
 - official statement by the national plant protection organisation of the country that the fruits originate in a country, or area within the country, recognised as being free from *Thrips palmi* Karny in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures; or
 - data on phytosanitary mitigation measures, as indicated in section 5 of the EFSA Technical Report "Information required for dossiers to support demands for import of high risk plants, plant products and other objects as foreseen in Article 42 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031" (<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/supporting/pub/en-1492>).
- b) For the import of wood of *Ulmus* L.:

- official statement by the national plant protection organisation of the country that the wood originates in a country, or area within the country, recognised as being free from *Saperda tridentata* Olivier in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures.

The requested information should be sent to the plant health contact point of the European Commission, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety: SANTE-G1-PLANT-HEALTH@ec.europa.eu.

As of 14 December 2019, the import into the EU territory of the following commodities will not be allowed, if that information is not provided:

- Fruits of *Momordica* L.;
- Wood of *Ulmus* L.

WEBINAR

The European Union would also like to announce that the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) will organise a webinar on 12 February 2019 explaining the information that non-EU countries have to provide in the dossiers accompanying the demand for import of high risk plants, plant products and other objects as foreseen in Article 42 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 for the risk assessment to be carried out. The registration details to the webinar will be available shortly before the date of the webinar in the website of EFSA (<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/>).

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0164_00_e.pdf

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0164_00_f.pdf

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0164_00_s.pdf

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other: 1) Information of the publication of Regulation (EU) 2018/2018 laying down specific rules concerning the procedure to be followed in order to carry out the risk assessment of high risk plants, plant products and other objects within the meaning of Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council; 2) specific procedures to export fruits of *Momordica* L. and wood of *Ulmus* L.; and 3) information about webinar organised by EFSA to explain the information that third countries have to provide in the dossiers for the risk assessment to be carried out.

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

- Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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