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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. Notifying Member: <u>THAILAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives. |
| 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): Tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>) seeds for sowing (ICS Code: 65.020.20). |
| 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: |
| 5. Title of the notified document: Draft conditions for import of tomato seeds for sowing. Language(s): Thai and English. Number of pages: 6 and 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_0054_00_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_0054_00_e.pdf |
| 6. Description of content: The Notification G/SPS/N/THA/267 (dated 8 July 2019) which entitled "Draft Conditions for Import of Tomato Seeds for Sowing" is intended to be replaced with this draft specified as follows: Draft conditions for import of tomato seeds for sowing into the Kingdom of Thailand. Tomato seed lots are required to fulfill one of the following phytosanitary import conditions, or a combination of the three conditions addressing each of the eight quarantine pests. 1. Tomato seeds were produced in a country where <i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> subsp. <i>michiganensis</i> , <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> , <i>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus</i> , <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> , <i>Tomato apical stunt viroid</i> , <i>Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid</i> , <i>Tomato planta macho viroid</i> and <i>Columnnea latent viroid</i> are not known to occur. OR 2. Tomato seeds were dry heat treated at 80 °C for 72 hours to eliminate <i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> subsp. <i>michiganensis</i> , <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> and were officially tested on sample of 3,000 seeds (or at least 10 percent of the lot as a small seed lot) using an appropriate genetic method (e.g. Reverse Transcription- Polymerase Chain Reaction; RT-PCR) and found free from <i>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus</i> , <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> , <i>Tomato apical stunt viroid</i> , <i>Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid</i> , <i>Tomato planta macho viroid</i> and <i>Columnnea latent viroid</i> . OR 3. Tomato seeds were officially tested on sample of 3,000 seeds (or at least 10 percent of the lot as a small seed lot) using an appropriate genetic method (e.g. PCR, RT-PCR) and found free from <i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> subsp. <i>michiganensis</i> , <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> , <i>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus</i> , <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> , <i>Tomato apical stunt viroid</i> , <i>Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid</i> , <i>Tomato planta macho viroid</i> and <i>Columnnea latent viroid</i> . |

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| 7. | Objective and rationale: <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. |
| 8. | <p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 38: International movement of seeds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p> |
| 9. | Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: |
| 10. | <p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> |
| 11. | <p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 60 days after being notified under the Official Gazette.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p> |
| 12. | <p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 March 2020</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900 Thailand Tel: +(662) 561 4024 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com Websites: http://www.acfs.go.th http://www.spsthailand.net/</p> |
| 13. | <p>Text(s) available from: <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>E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com Websites: http://www.acfs.go.th http://www.spsthailand.net/</p> |