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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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): Eggplant (<i>Solanum melongena</i>) seeds for sowing (ICS Code: 65.020.20)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Draft conditions for import of Eggplant seeds for sowing. Language(s): Thai and English. Number of pages: 5 and 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_0052_00_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_0052_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Notification G/SPS/N/THA/266 (dated 8 July 2019) which entitled "Draft Conditions for Import of Eggplant Seeds for Sowing" is intended to be replaced with this draft specified as follows: Draft conditions for import of eggplant seeds for sowing into the Kingdom of Thailand. Eggplant seed lots are required to fulfill one of the following phytosanitary import conditions, or a combination of the two conditions addressing each of the four quarantine pests. 1. Eggplant seeds were produced in a country where <i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> subsp. <i>michiganensis</i> , <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> , <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> and <i>Columnea latent viroid</i> are not known to occur. OR 2. Eggplant 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. Polymerase Chain Reaction; PCR, Reverse Transcription-PCR; RT-PCR) and found free from <i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> subsp. <i>michiganensis</i> , <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> , <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> and <i>Columnea latent viroid</i> .
7.	Objective and rationale: ☐ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☒ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ 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.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 38: International movement of seeds ☐ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☒ 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): 60 days after being notified under the Official Gazette. ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 March 2020 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: 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/
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