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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b> -
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
<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> Capsicum ( <i>C. annuum</i> , <i>C. baccatum</i> , <i>C. chinense</i> , <i>C. frutescens</i> , <i>C. pubescens</i> ) seeds for sowing ) (ICS Code: 65.020.20)
<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> Draft conditions for import of capsicum seeds for sowing. <b>Language(s):</b> Thai and English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 5 and 5 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_0042_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_0042_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_0042_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_0042_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Notification G/SPS/N/THA/265 (dated 8 July 2019) which entitled "Draft Conditions for Import of Capsicum Seeds for Sowing" is intended to be replaced with this draft specified as follows:  Draft conditions for import of capsicum seeds for sowing into the Kingdom of Thailand. Capsicum 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. Capsicum seeds were produced in a country where <i>Clavibacter michiganensis michiganensis</i> , <i>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus</i> , <i>Columnea latent viroid</i> and <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> are not known to occur, or  2. Capsicum 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>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus</i> , <i>Columnea latent viroid</i> and <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i> .
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.

<p><b>8. 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> ISPM No. 38: International movement of seeds</p> <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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <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"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 March 2020</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a> <a href="http://www.spsthailand.net/">http://www.spsthailand.net/</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <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: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a> <a href="http://www.spsthailand.net/">http://www.spsthailand.net/</a></p>