



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> NPPOZA, Directorate Inspection Services
<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> Plants and Plant Products
<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> Electronic system (eCertification) for the issuance of phytosanitary certificates and the use of electronic stamps and signatures . <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/ZAF/20_3079_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/ZAF/20_3079_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> In April 2020, the National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa (NPPOZA) introduced the use of eCertification for the issuance of phytosanitary certificates for plant and plant products in general. Electronic stamps and signatures are used during the e-Certification process. The phytosanitary certificate contains the security features as described below and the attachments (where applicable) will be printed on normal white A4 paper with the South Africa emblem, QR code, phytosanitary certificate number, barcode and will be signed as per ISPM1 guidelines. The following are features for the new phytosanitary certificate template for South Africa: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The paper format has additional security features embedded in the document that can be viewed under ultraviolet light.</li><li>2. The certificate has 2 numbers; top right-hand corner there is a barcode, which is the document number.</li><li>3. There is a second barcode and QR code as an added security feature.</li><li>4. The phytosanitary certificate number appears between the QR and the bar code, this is the number to be used on any communication in relation to issue phytosanitary certificate.</li><li>5. The new phytosanitary number starts with NPPO-ZA/yyyy/mm/number.</li><li>6. The e-phyto will only contain the new phytosanitary certificate number.</li></ol>
<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.

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> No: 12</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>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 April 2020</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2020</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>NPPOZA, Directorate Inspection Services  E-mail: <a href="mailto:PhindileN@dalrrd.gov.za">PhindileN@dalrrd.gov.za</a>  <a href="mailto:Phililel@dalrrd.gov.za">Phililel@dalrrd.gov.za</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.daff.gov.za">http://www.daff.gov.za</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>NPPOZA, Directorate Inspection Services  E-mail: <a href="mailto:PhindileN@dalrrd.gov.za">PhindileN@dalrrd.gov.za</a>  <a href="mailto:Phililel@dalrrd.gov.za">Phililel@dalrrd.gov.za</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.daff.gov.za">http://www.daff.gov.za</a></p>