



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: NPPOZA, Directorate Inspection Services
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): Plants and plant products
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: The use of normal A4 printing paper while issuing phytosanitary certificates. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1
6. Description of content: The National Plant Protection Organization of South Africa (NPPOZA), has had to review the use of security features on phytosanitary certificates. Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, with the increasing cases there is a need to reduce contact in order to ensure continued certification services. The NPPOZA will be temporarily issuing phytosanitary certificates printed on normal A4 paper which will have the following features: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. QR code2. 2X barcodes3. Coat of arms in colour All the information that will be on the phytosanitary certificate will be generated from the eCertification system. Trading partners are to note that South Africa will have 2 types of certificate paper in the international trade; <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The original paper with security features, and2. 2. normal A4 paper with QR and bar codes),this arrangement will be in place until further notice.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input 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.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 13 July 2020 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 July 2020 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: NPPOZA, Directorate Inspection Services E-mail: PhilileL@dalrrd.gov.za PhindileN@dalrrd.gov.za Website: http://www.daff.gov.za
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