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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. **Notifying Member:** THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture
- 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 or plant products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. **Title of the notified document:** Draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants or Plant Products" **Language(s):** English **Number of pages:** 2
 - http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/TPKM/16_0119_00_e.pdf
- **6. Description of content:** Summary of the revised Part B of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants or Plant Products":
 - 1. The new quarantine requirements for the host plants or plant products of Arabis mosaic virus (Nepovirus), Potato spindle tuber viroid, and Pepino mosaic virus (Potexvirus) from infected areas were added;
 - 2. 21 insects, one mite, one bacterium, three weeds and one mollusca were added to the regulated pest list and the scientific names of one bacterium and two weeds were corrected;
 - 3. Article 9 of part B was deleted since it was moved to the "Plant Protection and Quarantine Act" and the "Enforcement Rules on Plant Protection and Quarantine Act";
 - 4. Taipei International Harbour is added for the importation of logs in bulk but not for containers. In addition, three treatment methods in the appendix of "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Wood" were removed.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] 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)

	[X]	International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) ISPM No. 2 and 11
	[]	None
Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?		
[X] 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: The draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants or Plant Products" (Council of Agriculture Announcement, Nong Fang Zi No. 1041494611A dated 25 December 2015) can be found at: http://www.coa.gov.tw/ (available in Chinese)
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.

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- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 March 2016

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