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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>TURKEY</u>
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- Agency responsible: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control
- 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, plant products and growing medium
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- Title of the notified document: Phytosanitary measures taken to prevent the entry of Xylella fastidiosa into Turkey. Language(s): Turkish. Number of pages: 4
 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/TUR/20 7880 00 x.pdf
- **Description of content:** In order to prevent the entry of *Xylella fastidiosa* into Turkey, phytosanitary measures have been taken for the importation of host plants of *Xylella fastidiosa* to Turkey as well as ensuring the harmonization of national legislation on phytosanitary and quarantine with the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1201 of 14 August 2020 as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa*.

Therefore, within the scope of Commission Implementation Directive 2020/1201, in order to prevent the entry of *Xylella fastidiosa* to Turkey, amendments and addenda will be made:

- In the list of plants for planting purposes (other than seeds) that are prohibited from entering Turkey from the "contaminated production areas of the countries where the presence of *Xylella fastidiosa* is known", included in Annex-3 (Plants, Plant Products and Growing Medium, Introduction of which are Banned) of the Plant Quarantine Regulation; and
- In the list of host plants for planting purposes (other than seeds) of Xylella fastidiosa in Articles 64 and 65 of Annex-4 (Special Requirements For Importation of Plants and Plant Products) of the Plant Quarantine Regulation.

Amendments and addenda drafted to the list of host plants for planting purposes (other than seeds) of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Annex-1) are enclosed.

On the other hand, the host plants not included in these addenda and amendments to be made in Annex-3 and Annex-4 (Articles 64 and 65), lists of the relevant Plant Quarantine Regulation regarding *Xylella fastidiosa*, shall remain in the Plant Quarantine Regulation and will continue to be subject to the provisions of the regulation.

Until necessary amendments will be made in the Plant Quarantine Regulation, the following phytosanitary measures will be taken as of 15 January 2021:

The host plants of *Xylella fastidiosa* for planting purposes (other than seeds) included in Annex-I are prohibited from entering Turkey from the "contaminated production areas of

the countries where the presence of *Xylella fastidios* is known". In the import of the host plants of *Xylella fastidiosa* for planting purposes (other than seeds) coming from the noncontaminated production areas of the countries where the presence of *Xylella fastidiosa* is known, the conditions specified in Annex-4, Article 64 of the Plant Quarantine Regulation must be met, and an additional declaration must be provided in the Phytosanitary Certificate. In the import of the host plants of *Xylella fastidiosa* for planting purposes (other than seeds) coming from countries where the presence of *Xylella fastidiosa* is unknown, the conditions specified in Annex-4, Article 65 of the Plant Quarantine Regulation must be met and an additional declaration must be provided in the Phytosanitary Certificate.

If contamination with *Xylella fastidiosa* is detected during the phytosanitary controls in the importation of the host plants of *Xylella fastidiosa* for planting purposes (other than seeds) included in Annex-I, the entry of products will not be allowed into Turkey.

- 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. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** *Xylella fastidiosa* is not known to occur in Turkey therefore there is a need to update phytosanitary measures in order to ensure appropriate level of protection for the control of the specified pest entering into Turkey.
- 9. 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):
 - [X] 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:

10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

Regulation on Plant Quarantine, G/SPS/N/TUR/23,

https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/Sayfalar/EN/Mevzuat.aspx?OgeId=15
https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/TUR/20 7880 00 e.pdf

- 11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 15 January 2021
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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