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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 3 March 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of South Africa.

The use of normal A4 printing paper while issuing phytosanitary certificates

The National Plant Protection Organization of South Africa (NPPOZA) will discontinue the use of original paper for phytosanitary certificates from 1 April 2021. Phytosanitary certificates will be printed on normal A4 printing paper. Trading partners are to note that South Africa will discontinue the use of original paper with security features in the international trade.

The following are features for the phytosanitary certificate that will be printed on normal A4 paper:

1. The certificate has a series number and the phytosanitary certificate number. At the top right-hand corner there is a barcode with the series number;
2. There is a second barcode and QR code as an added security feature;
3. 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 issued phytosanitary certificate;
4. The new phytosanitary number starts with NPPO-ZA/yyyy/mm/number;
5. The e-phyto will only contain the new phytosanitary certificate number.

NB: From 1 April 2021 the NPPOZA will print phytosanitary certificates on normal A4 paper. Trading partners have the ability to verify the certified phytosanitary certificates using <https://app.ecert.co.za/VerifyCertificate/ExternalVerification>.

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