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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

- 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:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Implementation of the new format phytosanitary certificate for re-export. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/ZAF/21 2439 00 e.pdf

**6. Description of content:** South Africa implemented a new format phytosanitary certificate for re-export since 1 April 2021.

The new format has the following security features:

- 1. The certificate has two numbers: on top right-hand corner there is a barcode, which is the document 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 barcode. 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;
- 6. Phytosanitary certificates will be printed on normal A4 printing paper. Trading partners are to note that South Africa will have to discontinue the use of original paper with security features in the international trade.
- 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 12

[] 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:
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2021Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2021
- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2021
  - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 June 2021

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