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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
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): All plants other than seeds (HS code: 06)
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 Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/GBR/22_3095_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 amend Annex 7 part A entry 57 of retained Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/2072, to enhance import requirements to prevent the introduction of the plant pest <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> (pine processionary moth) in Great Britain. This regulation makes two changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Amends the import requirements for <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> pest host species <i>Cedrus</i> Trew and <i>Pinus</i> L removing the special requirement option of an official statement that the plants have been produced in nurseries which, along with their vicinity, have been found free from <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> on the basis of official inspections and official surveys carried out at appropriate times;– Extends the remaining special requirements to include all plants other than seeds to all countries. If a country has Pest Free status for <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> then the change has no impact.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Enhanced import requirements are being introduced following interceptions of <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> on <i>Pinus</i> trees imported in 2022 from places of production that had been officially designated as free of the pest. The special requirement option to declare by an official statement that 'the plants have been produced in nurseries which, along with their vicinity, have been found free from <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> on the basis of official inspections and official surveys carried out at appropriate times' is no longer considered robust or sufficient in providing assurance that plants are free from the pest. Additionally, the remaining special requirements are being extended to include all 'plants', due to evidence that other plants

<p>and cut foliage are a pathway for entry.</p> <p>In light of the developments described above, and further evidence that the immediate vicinity of a number of nurseries which have been exporting to Great Britain are infested with the pest, it is considered that the existing import requirements are not adequate to mitigate the risk of introduction of this pest and meet our appropriate level of protection. Additionally, the range of <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> has been spreading north in mainland Europe and is of increasing concern to Great Britain. Given the recent interception on imports into Great Britain, the spread of the pest, and the highly mobile nature of <i>Thaumetopoea pityocampa</i> with its flying season due to commence imminently, we have determined these measures are required to reduce the risk of pest import.</p>
<p>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><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>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 29 April 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>UK SPS Contact Point, Defra, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JR E-mail: UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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:</p> <p>UK SPS Contact Point, Defra, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JR E-mail: UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</p>