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

## **NOTIFICATION**

1. Notifying Member: CANADA

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
- 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): Buxus spp.
  - Foliage, branches Fresh Other species (HS code: 06.04. 20)
  - Other tree species Dried foliage, branches and wreaths < 1.5 cm in diameter (HS code: 06.04.90)
  - Other propagative material Rooted plants, miscellaneous (HS code: 06.02.90)
- 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:** RMD-22-02: Pest risk management proposal for the regulation of *Cydalima perspectalis* in Canada. **Language(s):** English and French. **Number of pages:** 19 and 20

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**6. Description of content:** The Risk Management Document provides an assessment of risk management options to regulate *Cydalima perspectalis* (Box tree moth) in Canada.

*Cydalima perspectalis*, box tree moth (BTM), is native to East Asia and has become a serious invasive pest of *Buxus* spp. plants in Europe. In 2018, three moths were reported in Ontario, Canada, and pest presence was confirmed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in November that same year.

*C. perspectalis* is not currently a regulated pest in Canada. Although *Buxus* spp. plants are not native to North America, they are widely distributed in North American nurseries, gardens, and parks as an important ornamental shrub and thus, the establishment and spread of *C. perspectalis* in North America is a concern to the landscape and nursery industries.

The risk management document includes a summary of CFIA's risk assessments on *C. perspectalis* and presents three pest risk management options for the pest in Canada under the authority of the *Plant Protection Act*:

- **Option 1** Status quo: No specific phytosanitary measures for *C. perspectalis*.
- **Option 2** Federal regulation of the pest: Creation of a localized regulated area in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and Niagara peninsula (municipalities with positive detections in 2021).
- **Option 3** Federal regulation of the pest: Creation of a regulated area for all of Ontario (recommended).

Under Option 3, import restrictions for *Buxus* spp. would be implemented, including prohibition of imports of *Buxus* spp. from the infested area in New York State, United States of America and other countries where *Cydalima perspectalis* is known to occur. Domestic movement controls for *Buxus* spp. moving out of the regulated area will be implemented requiring facilities producing *Buxus* spp. to implement a system to prevent pest spread (e.g., pest module) and obtain a written authorization from CFIA if they want to move or sell *Buxus* spp. outside the regulated area.

Feedback received will inform the CFIA's regulatory approach for managing the pest risk posed by box tree moth (*Cydalima perspectalis*) in Canada.

- 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 Nos. 1, 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:
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): August 2022

**Proposed date of publication (***dd/mm/yy***):** August 2022. A regulatory decision on box tree moth is proposed in late August 2022.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 60 days after the end of the comment period.
  - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 day comment period from the date of circulation of the WTO notification.

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