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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>NAMIBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Namibian Agronomic Board
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): Agronomic and Horticultural Controlled Products; Controlled Products: https://www.lac.org.na/laws/2015/5645.pdf ; Fruits. Vegetables (ICS code: 67.080)
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: Regulations Relating to the Exportation of Controlled Products: Agronomic Industry Act, 1992; Relating to the Importation of Controlled Products: Agronomic Industry Act, 1992; Regulations Relating to the Local Production and Trading of Controlled Products: Agronomic Industry Act, 1992; and Relating to the Transit of Controlled Products: Agronomic Industry Act, 1992. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 8, 9, 8 and 7, respectively https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NAM/22_6877_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NAM/22_6877_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NAM/22_6877_02_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NAM/22_6877_03_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The purpose of these regulations is to ensure that all controlled products: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- exported from the Republic of Namibia, comply with the requirements set out herein, with the objective of ensuring that exported Namibian products comply with applicable export market legislative requirements governing food safety and quality and therefore become products of choice in the markets of the world;- imported into the Republic of Namibia, comply with the requirements set out herein, with the objective of achieving safe food for all and creating consumer confidence in the regulatory processes;- produced, packed and offered for sale in Namibia, comply with the requirements set out herein, with the objective of achieving safe food for all and creating consumer confidence in the regulatory processes; and- in-transit through Namibia destined to other countries, comply with the provisions of these regulations. These regulations apply to controlled products, in transit through Namibia. These regulations apply to all controlled products: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- exported from the Republic of Namibia for commercial use and specifically for human consumption, whether by sea, air, rail or road;- imported into the Republic of Namibia for commercial use and specifically for human consumption, whether by sea, land, air or road; and

<p>– produced, packed, or processed in the Republic of Namibia for commercial gain and intended human consumption.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – International Code of Practice – General Principles of Food Hygiene (CAC/RCP 1-1969), Rev.2 (1985) Codex Alimentarius Volume 1 – Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria for Foods (CAC/GL 21-1997) – Maximum levels of the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CODEX STAN 193-1995) – Maximum residue limits for pesticides established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission <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 type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" 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>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Agronomic Industry Act 20 of 1992 https://www.nab.com.na/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/agronomic-industry-c488a80679.pdf – Amendment of Government Notice No 147 of 30 August 2002, Relating to imposition of general levies on certain controlled products: Agronomic Industry Act, 1992 https://www.lac.org.na/laws/2015/5645.pdf – Close and Open Borders for Special Controlled products https://www.nab.com.na/horticulture/import-restrictions/
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

12. Final date for comments: Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 December 2022

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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