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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION 1. Notifying Member: TÜRKIYE If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control 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): Wood packaging materials 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [X] [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Regulation Concerning The Subjection Of Wooden Package Materials To Heat Treatment Process And Their Marking. Language(s): Turkish and English. Number of pages: 62 and 65 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TUR/23 0290 00 x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TUR/23 0290 00 e.pdf 6. **Description of content:** The objective of this Regulation is to determine the necessary methods and basis in order to prevent the transmission and spreading of pest organisms through wooden package materials. This Regulation covers principles regarding the heat treatment application and ISPM 15 marking and traceability marking on wooden packaging materials to be used in export, issuance of permit certificates, licensed businesses, non-permitted businesses, suppliers, users, HT/DH heat treatment furnace installation permit and marking apparatus sales permit, inspection and responsibilities of the businesses and the inspection of wooden packaging materials, in order to prevent the spread of harmful organisms carried with packaging materials made of wood. It covers the principles regarding only the production stages completed wooden packaging materials and the elimination of harmful organisms. It introduces the security hologram application and it is explained in articles 3 and 4. 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] 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):

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[X] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 15

[] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes [X]No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: It introduces the security hologram application and it is explained in articles 3 and 4. Annex 1 on approved measures for wood packaging materials contains measures different from those adopted in accordance with ISPM 15. These measures are taken to prevent problems arising from application of ISPM 15.

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

- Law No. 5996 and dated 11 June 2010 of Veterinary Services, Plant Health, Food and Feed
- Regulation Concerning The Subjection Of Wooden Package Materials To Heat Treatment Process And Their Marking (Official Gazette Date: 25 May 2019, Issue: 30784)
- Regulation Of Wood Packaging Material In International Trade (ISPM 15)

10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 30 June 2023

Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*): 30 June 2023

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Article 16 of this Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2024 and other articles shall enter into force on 30 June 2024.

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 11 March 2023

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

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