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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>NICARAGUA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Instituto de Protección y Sanidad Agropecuaria, IPSA</i> (Institute for Agricultural and Livestock Protection and Health)
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): <i>Musaceae</i> plant products
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: <i>Resolución Ejecutiva No. 005-2023 Declaratoria de alerta fitosanitaria y aplicación de medidas fitosanitarias para la prevención de la introducción del hongo que provoca la marchitez por fusarium, Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense raza 4 tropical (Foc R4)</i> (Executive Resolution No. 005-2023: Declaration of phytosanitary alert and implementation of phytosanitary measures to prevent the introduction of the banana wilt fungus, <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>cubense</i> tropical race 4 (Foc TR4)). Language(s): Spanish. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NIC/23_9229_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: The purposes of this Resolution are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Declare the Phytosanitary Alert Device for the banana wilt fungus (<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>cubense</i> tropical race 4), in accordance with Chapter VI, Article 30 of Nicaragua Phytosanitary Protection Law No. 1020;• Declare the banana wilt fungus (<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>cubense</i> tropical race 4) to be a quarantine pest absent from the national territory, in accordance with International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 8: Determination of pest status in an area;• Strengthen the phytosanitary surveillance system in commercial plantations of <i>musaceae</i> and risk sites to prevent its entry, establishment and spread, and to reduce possible negative impacts on national production;• Strengthen the phytosanitary diagnostic capacity of laboratories of the Institute for Agricultural and Livestock Protection and Health in order to improve the response to and timely identification of this pest;• Develop and adopt an action plan to strengthen the capacities to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from the disease known as banana Fusarium wilt, caused by the fungus <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>cubense</i> tropical race 4 (Foc TR4) in Nicaragua;• Establish the following phytosanitary measures in the national territory to prevent the introduction of the banana wilt fungus, <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>cubense</i> tropical race 4 (Foc TR4):

	<p>a. Prohibit the importation of host plants, <i>musaceae</i> plant products or regulated articles from countries where <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>ubense</i> tropical race 4 is present;</p> <p>b. Allow the importation of <i>musaceae</i> germplasm produced in vitro from promising materials in production centres approved by the NPPO of the exporting contracting party, subject to a risk assessment, inspection at origin, quarantine, and recognition by the NPPOs of the contracting parties;</p> <p>c. Passengers, carriers and crew entering the country must comply with the biosecurity measures implemented by the Institute for Agricultural and Livestock Protection and Health to prevent the introduction of the fungus <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>ubense</i> tropical race 4, including through the use of fixed or mobile foot or shoe baths or phytosanitary mats, as the case may be, at points of entry and border checkpoints;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other measures set out in Executive Resolution No. 005-2023.
7.	<p>Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
8.	<p>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 Organisation 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 No.):</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>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Ley No. 1020, Ley de protección fitosanitaria de Nicaragua</i> (Law No. 1020: "Nicaragua Phytosanitary Protection Law") (available in Spanish)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 18 January 2023</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 18 April 2023</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 18 January 2023</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><i>Instituto de Protección y Sanidad Agropecuaria, IPSA</i> (Institute for Agricultural and Livestock Protection and Health) Santiago Alejandro Rodriguez Perez Legal advisor Carretera Norte, Paso a desnivel Portezuelo 100 metros al este, 150 metros al sur Tel.: (+505) 8835 9151 Email: santiago.rodriquez@ipsa.gob.ni Website: http://www.ipsa.gob.ni/</p>

13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:

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