



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
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): Plants, plant products and other objects (HS Chapters: 06 (live plants), 07 (vegetables), 08 (fruits), 10 (cereals), 12 (seeds), 14 (pollen), 44 (wood), 84 (machinery), 87 (vehicles))
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: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards multiannual survey programmes, notifications concerning the presence of regulated non-quarantine pests, temporary derogations from import prohibitions and special import requirements and establishment of procedures for granting them, temporary import requirements for high risk plants, plant products and other objects, the establishment of procedures for the listing of high risk plants, the content of phytosanitary certificates, the use of plant passports and as regards certain reporting requirements for demarcated areas and surveys of pest. Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 13 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_13474_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_13474_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_13474_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: The Commission proposal consists of the targeted amendments of the plant health Regulation: (i) clarification concerning the measures against pests which are provisionally qualifying as quarantine pests but have not been fully assessed yet, (ii) amendment of the requirements regarding the declarations on the phytosanitary certificate for regulated non-quarantine pests (RNQPs), (iii) the reporting of non-compliances with the RNQP rules in the electronic notification system (Information Management System for Official Controls – IMSOC), (iv) the introduction of an empowerment for a Commission act to adopt with autonomous acts, temporary derogations from import prohibitions and special import requirements and temporary special import requirements for commodities that have been removed from the list of high-risk plants, plant products and other objects but for which the pest risk has not been fully assessed, (v) The introduction of an empowerment for a Commission act to adopt procedural rules for the submission and examination of third countries' requests for temporary derogations from import prohibitions or from import requirements, (vi) the introduction of an empowerment for a Delegated act to adopt procedures for identifying and listing of high-risk plants, (vii) the clarification of the legal basis for setting out requirements for third countries' equivalence, in order to refer not only to internal

<p>movement, requirements but also to existing import requirements, (viii) the introduction of an empowerment for a Commission act, to rationalise the obligation to attach a plant passport to certain plants, (ix) the alignment of the possibility to accept alternative official attestations issued by third countries with the international state of play, (x) rationalisation of certain reporting obligations</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISPM 12 Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates - ISPM 13 Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action - ISPM 20 Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system - ISPM 24 Guidelines for the determination and recognition of equivalence of phytosanitary measures <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>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): June 2024</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. The provision on additional declaration for RNQPs shall apply six months from the date of publication.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 January 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" 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>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>

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