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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Plant and plant products subject to phytosanitary certificate
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: QR Code Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificates. Language(s): Turkish. Number of pages: 2 https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Belgeler/DB_Bitki_Sinir/Bitki-Saglik-Sertifikasi-Yeni-Model.pdf https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Belgeler/DB_Bitki_Sinir/Re-Export-Bitki-Saglik-Sertifikasi-Yeni-Model.pdf
6. Description of content: It has been encountered fake Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) and PC for Re-export recently. The Phytosanitary Certificate and PC for Re-export issued by Türkiye will gradually be replaced by "QR Code Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificate" to ensure the security of PC and PC for Re-export. <p>PCs (including PC for Re-export) will contain a QR code in the number 2 digit, which enables verification. Only the content of the certificate will be displayed without wet signature and stamp during the query phase with the QR code. Original certificates sent to the recipient countries with the product will be QR coded, wet signed and stamped.</p> <p>In addition, it will also be possible to see whether the consignment has left Türkiye Customs or not in the query of QR Code Verifiable PC (except PC for Re-export) issued only for fresh fruit and vegetable products.</p> <p>As of 22 January 2024 in Samsun Agricultural Quarantine Directorate; As of 15 February 2024, QR Code Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) will be used from all our authorized units.</p> <p>Between 22 January and 15 February 2024, PCs without QR code and QR Coded Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificates will be used together.</p> <p>Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificates with QR Code can be queried from QR code or https://tbs.tarbil.gov.tr/Main/PhytosanitaryCertificate.</p> <p>A sample of a QR Code Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificate and Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-export can be reached from the following links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Belgeler/DB_Bitki_Sinir/Bitki-Saglik-Sertifikasi-Yeni-Model.pdf

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Belgeler/DB_Bitki_Sinir/Re-Export-Bitki-Saglik-Sertifikasi-Yeni-Model.pdf <p>In case of doubt about the accuracy of the PC without QR code or the QR Code Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificate, information can be obtained from nppoturkiye@tarimorman.gov.tr.</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): ISPM No. 12</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>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): As of 22 January 2024 in Samsun Agricultural Quarantine Directorate; As of 15 February 2024, QR Code Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) will be used from all authorized units in Türkiye. Between 22 January and 15 February 2024, PC without QR code and QR Coded Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificates will be used together.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 January 2024</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. 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 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>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Food and Control Address: Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu-Ankara/Türkiye Tel: +(90 312) 258 7452 Fax: +(90 312) 258 7472 E-mail: nppoturkiye@tarimorman.gov.tr</p>

13. Text(s) available from: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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