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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 19 February 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Türkiye.

QR Code Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificates

In order to prevent the fake issuance of Phytosanitary Certificates (PC) or PC for Re-Export used in the export of plants, plant products and other substances, the "QR Code Verifiable Phytosanitary Certificate" implementation has been gradually introduced. This change was published on 26 January 2024 with the symbol G/SPS/N/TUR/140.

In addition to the notification, the following issues have been added:

1. In G/SPS/N/TUR/140, it was stated that PCs (including PC for Re-export) will contain a QR code in the number 2 digit, which enables verification. And it is indicated that only the content of the certificate will be displayed without wet signature and stamp during the query phase with the QR code and also original certificates sent to the recipient countries with the product will be QR coded, wet signed and stamped. In addition:

1.1. The Ministry's logo located in the middle of the QR code that enables verification can be printed in red or black;

1.2. In the verification made through the link (<https://tbs.tarbil.gov.tr/Main/PhytosanitaryCertificate>) for PCs, in the number 2 digit of the PC:

1.2.a. It can be seen whether the consignment has left Türkiye or not with the yellow and green colored markings;

1.2.b. Inquiry date and time, declaration number issued at Turkish Customs and "COPY" statement will be included;

1.3. The inquiry date/time, declaration number and "COPY" statement will not be included in the original wet signed certificates accompanying the consignment;

1.4. If the PC is not issued by the Türkiye NPPO, in a red box "The Phytosanitary Certificate is not issued by the Türkiye National Plant Protection Service." statement can be seen.

2. In G/SPS/N/TUR/140, it was stated that by querying the QR Code Verifiable PC (except PC for Re-export) issued only for fresh fruit and vegetable products, it can be seen whether the consignment has left Turkish Customs or not. In addition:

2.1. If the exporter requests, it will be possible to see whether the products which are not only fresh fruit and vegetable products but also other products are left Turkish Customs or not.

In addition to the items above and items included in the notification with the symbol G/SPS/N/TUR/140, during the verification made through the link <https://tbs.tarbil.gov.tr/Main/PhytosanitaryCertificate>, a fade "COPY" statement will be visible in the background of the PC displayed.

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other:

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

- Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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