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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

## Original: English

## NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>CAMBODIA</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries
- 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 regulated articles
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [] Specific regions or countries:
- Title of the notified document: Law on Plant Protection and Quarantine. Language(s): Khmer and English. Number of pages: 49 and 58

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6. Description of content: The Law on Plant Protection and Quarantine promulgated on 3 May 2022 comprises 113 articles and 44 definitions, divided into 15 chapters. It aims to manage plant health for all types of plant resources; promote agricultural productivity, ensuring food security, and maintaining quality and safety of agricultural products. The law also focuses on phytosanitary security, facilitating trade and transit of plants and plant products. Additionally, it aims to contribute to socio-economic development, welfare promotion and public health while ensuring the sustainability of natural resources and agro-ecological system in Cambodia. This law reflects Cambodia's high commitment in harmonizing its phytosanitary regulations to the international standards.

Article 23 of the Law on Plant Protection and Quarantine:

Natural persons or legal entities that carry out plant protection measures or conduct operations to eliminate pests in crop production have an obligation to participate in ensuring the food safety and plant products.

Plant products harvested from the plantation for the purpose of distributing in the market or used as food for humans, animal feed or as raw materials for food processing shall ensure food safety with free of harmful substances, even physical, biological or chemical substances or components of pesticide residues below the maximum level set by any technical regulation or reference standards recognized and used locally or internationally or in accordance with the requirements of the importing countries in the case of crop products or the plant products are exported for food.

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Specifically, as provided for under Article 26 of the Law, the phytosanitary measures shall be in compliance with International Standards adopted by the International Plant Protection Convention.

7. Objective and rationale: [X] 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): [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): [X] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? []Yes []No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 3 May 2022 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 3 May 2022 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 May 2022 [X] Trade facilitating measure 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishieries (MAFF) Director of Plant Protection, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Department (PPSPSD) General Directorate of Agriculture (GDA) #54b/49F, Street 393-656 Sangkat Tuek Laak3, Khan Toul Kok, Phnom Penh, Cambodia Tel: +(855) 023 833 427 Mobile: 012 325 558 Fax: +(855) 023 833 427 E-mail: monthivuthker@gmail.com Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry 13. Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Dr Monthivuth Ker Director of Plant Protection, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Department (PPSPSD) General Directorate of Agriculture of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishieries #54b/49F, Street 393-656 Sangkat Tuek Laak3, Khan Toul Kok, Phnom Penh, Cambodia Tel: +(855) 023 833 427 Mobile: 012 325 558 Fax: +(855) 023 833 427 E-mail: monthivuthker@gmail.com