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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

## NOTIFICATION

## Revision

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

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
- **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): Maize (*Zea mays*) seeds for sowing (HS code: 12.09, ICS code: 65.020.20)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Draft Notification of Department of Agriculture Re: Conditions for Import of Maize Seeds B.E. .... (....). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 8

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/THA/24\_03153\_00\_e.pdf

- **6. Description of content:** The Department of Agriculture (DOA) is proposing to revise the DOA notification concerning the phytosanitary import requirements of Maize (*Zea mays*) seeds for sowing from all countries as follows:
  - The Notification of Department of Agriculture, Re: Conditions for import of Maize Seeds B.E. 2563 (2020), dated 30 November 2020 and the Notification of Department of Agriculture, Re: Conditions for import of Maize Seeds (No.2) B.E. 2564 (2021), dated 5 March 2021, are repealed and replaced by this (Draft) DOA notification;
  - 2. Maize seed lots are required to fulfil one of the following phytosanitary import conditions, and/or a combination of the two conditions addressing each of twenty-one quarantine pests i.e. Clavibacter nebraskensis, Pantoea stewartii subsp. stewartii, Pseudomonas syringae pv. lapsa, Pseudomonas syringae pv. syringae, Xanthomonas vasicola pv. vasculorum, High plains virus, Wheat streak mosaic virus, Bipolaris maydis race T, Fusarium culmorum, Harpophora maydis, Peronosclerospora heteropogoni, Peronosclerospora philippinensis, Sclerophthora macrospora, Sclerophthora rayssiae var. zeae, Sclerospora graminicola, Sporisorium reilianum, Stenocarpella macrospora, Striga angustifolia, Striga aspera, Striga densiflora and Striga hermonthica;

Maize seeds were produced in a country where the quarantine pests are not known to occur; OR

Maize seeds were derived from parent plants that were inspected and tested during the growing season and found free from the quarantine pests; OR

Maize seeds were officially tested and found free from the quarantine pests.

- 3. Maize seeds must be dressed with appropriate fungicides. Information on fungicide treatment (fungicide common name and percent active ingredient) must be indicated in the appropriate sections of a phytosanitary certificate or a phytosanitary certificate for re-export;
- 4. In case, import of maize seeds from the Union of Myanmar must comply with the additional conditions as the Annex 2. of this notification.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] 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*):
  - [X] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 38: International movement of seeds
  - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] 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***):** To be determined.

Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.

- **11.** Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: 60 days after being notified under the Official Gazette.
  - [] Trade facilitating measure
- **12.** Final date for comments: **[X]** Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 15 July 2024

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