Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1. **Notifying Member:** THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU
   
   If applicable, name of local government involved:

2. **Agency responsible:** Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture

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):** Designated regulated articles regulated by Article 15 of the "Plant Protection and Quarantine Act"

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:** The draft of the "Regulations for Approving Imports of Designated Regulated Articles". **Language(s):** Chinese. **Number of pages:** 6
   
   [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/TPKM/21_2179_00_x.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/TPKM/21_2179_00_x.pdf)

6. **Description of content:** The designated regulated articles were only permitted to be imported for the purposes of experiment, research, education or exhibition use. The draft is established pursuant to the fourth paragraph of Article 15 of the "Plant Protection and Quarantine Act". Regulating the quarantine requirements for the importation of designated regulated articles including: for purposes of experiments, research, education or exhibition; legal depositing of articles used for producing pest risk free products; pollinators, or biological control agents used for field pollination or biological control, which have been assessed and approved by the central competent authority; and in accordance with other specific purposes that are publicly notified by the central competent authority.
   
   The contents of the revised articles are:
   
   a. The required dossier of the importer for the import application of designated regulated articles.
   
   b. Relevant matters regarding risk assessment for the import application of pollinators, and biological control agents used for field pollination or biological control.
   
   c. Promulgation of the relevant matters regarding failing to submit dossier or the dossier submitted contain information inconsistent with the pertinent quarantine requirements.
   
   d. The requirements to perform on-site verification of the post-entry quarantine site.
   
   e. The validity period of the import permit, and the requirement to apply for approval to extend the approved duration of designated regulated articles or their derivatives.
   
   f. When importing designated regulated articles, an import permit must be attached to apply to plant quarantine authority.
g. The requirements for sharing and re-sharing of designed regulated articles or their derivatives to users during approved usage period.

h. The safety control measures after the designated regulated articles or their derivatives are approved for import or sharing.

i. The requirements for dispatching inspectors to inspect the control status of post-entry quarantine site and the occurrence of pests.

j. The measures that shall be taken in cases of designated regulated articles and their derivatives upon the expiration date, end of use, or violation of the safety measures.

k. The reference numbers of the import permits shall be included in the pertinent reports or written work of importer or user.

7. Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] plant protection, [ ] 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):

[X] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 1, 2 and 34

[ ] 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:

The draft amendment of the "Regulations for Approving Imports of Designated Plant Regulated Articles" (Announcement of Council of Agriculture, Nong Fang Zi No. 1101493244A dated on 12 March 2021) can be found at: https://www.coa.gov.tw/theme_data.php?theme=publication&id=5219 (available in Chinese)

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.

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[ ] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 May 2021

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