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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
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): Seeds, plants and fruits of <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. and <i>Capsicum</i> spp. Seeds, plants and fruits of <i>Capsicum</i> spp. varieties which are known to be resistant to Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (ToBRFV) are excluded from the measure.
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: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1191 of 11 August 2020 establishing measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1615. Language(s): English, French, Spanish. Number of pages: 8 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4871_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4871_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4871_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: This Implementing Regulation updates the measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV). After the adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1615, more recent scientific information has been collected on the spread of the specified pest and on testing methods, which justifies the need for more detailed measures than those provided for under Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1615. In particular, seeds of <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. and <i>Capsicum</i> spp. should be tested regardless of their origin. This is necessary because of the uncertainties surrounding the presence of the pest worldwide.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The pest is spreading worldwide and more testing is needed on <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. and <i>Capsicum</i> spp.

9.	<p>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 1, ISPM 8 and ISPM31.</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>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 15 August 2020 Period of application: until 31 May 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<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>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(322) 295 4263 Fax: +(322) 299 8090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <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>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(322) 295 4263 Fax: +(322) 299 8090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>