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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>TURKEY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/ General Directorate of Food and Control</p>
<p>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): Tomato seeds (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>), pepper seeds (<i>Capsicum annuum</i>), pumpkin seeds (<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>)</p>
<p>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:</p>
<p>5. Title of the notified document: Emergency phytosanitary measures for the import of tomato, pepper and pumpkin seeds. Language(s): . Number of pages:</p>
<p>6. Description of content: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is amending import requirements for tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>), pepper (<i>Capsicum</i> spp.) and pumpkin seeds (<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>) from all countries into Turkey.</p> <p><i>Tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus</i> (ToLCNDV) is a harmful virus in many species of Cucurbitaceae and Solanaceae family cultivated in Turkey. The agent with a large number of hosts is not known to occur in Turkey. Due to its occurrence in some countries nearby and the presence of a wide range of hosts, it poses a great risk for Turkey.</p> <p><i>Tomato mottle mosaic virus</i> (TomMV) is a virus that can cause damage to various products, in particular to tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>) and pepper (<i>Capsicum annuum</i>) from Solanaceae family and can be transmitted by seeds. Since it is in the Tobamovirus group, there is a possibility of transmission through seed.</p> <p>The primary host of <i>Tomato apical stunt viroid</i> (TASvd) is actually tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>) from the Solanaceae family, however this agent can also be found in pepper (<i>Capsicum annuum</i>).</p> <p><i>Columnnea latent viroid</i> (CLVd) is harmful to various species of the Solanaceae family, in particular to tomatoes.</p> <p><i>Pepper chat fruit viroid</i> (PCFVd) is harmful to various species of Solanaceae family, in particular to pepper and tomato.</p> <p>The primary host of <i>Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid</i> (TCDVd) is tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>) from the Solanaceae family, and the agent can be found in some ornamental plants. Viroid poses a great risk to Turkey.</p> <p>In view of the dissemination of such agents in the world, in order to prevent the introduction of agents into Turkey through seeds and their spread within Turkey's production sites:</p>

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For the import of tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) seeds from all countries as of 15 September 2021, an additional declaration will be requested on the Phytosanitary Certificate stating that:

It originates in countries where *Tomato mottle mosaic virus* (ToMMV), *Tomato apical stunt viroid* (TASVd), *Columnea latent viroid* (CLVd), *Pepper chat fruit viroid* (PCFVd), *Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid* (TCDVd) is not known to occur, or in areas where the presence of *Tomato mottle mosaic virus* (ToMMV), *Tomato apical stunt viroid* (TASVd), *Columnea latent viroid* (CLVd), *Pepper chat fruit viroid* (PCFVd), *Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid* (TCDVd) is known:

- 2 a. The seeds originate in a place of production known to be free from;
- 2.b. The name of the place of production; and
- 2.c. The seeds have been analyzed by the exporting country using the RT-PCR Method for ToMMV, TASVd, CLVd, PCFVd and TCDVd and that the product is free from these agents.

For the import of pepper (*Capsicum annuum*) seeds from all countries as of 15 September 2021, an additional declaration will be requested on the Phytosanitary Certificate stating that:

It originates in countries where the presence of *Tomato mottle mosaic virus* (ToMMV), *Tomato apical stunt viroid* (TASVd), *Pepper chat fruit viroid* (PCFVd) is not known, or in areas where the presence of *Tomato mottle mosaic virus* (ToMMV), *Tomato apical stunt viroid* (TASVd), *Pepper chat fruit viroid* (PCFVd) is known:

- 2.a. The seeds originate in a place of production known to be free from;
- 2.b. The name of the place of production; and
- 2.c. The seeds have been analyzed by the exporting country using the RT-PCR Method for ToMMV, TASVd, PCFVd and that the product is free from these agents.

For the import of pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo*) seeds from all countries as of 15 September 2021, an additional declaration will be requested on the Phytosanitary Certificate stating that:

It originates in countries where the presence of *Tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus* (ToLCNDV) is not known, or in areas where the presence of *Tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus* (ToLCNDV) is known:

- 2.a. The seeds originate in a place of production known to be free from;
- 2.b. The name of the place of production; and
- 2.c. The seeds have been analyzed by the exporting country using the RT-PCR Method for ToLCNDV and that the product is free from these agents.

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. **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** In view of the dissemination of *Tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus* (ToLCNDV), *Tomato mottle mosaic virus* (ToMMV), *Tomato apical stunt viroid* (TASVd), *Columnea latent viroid* (CLVd), *Pepper chat fruit viroid* (PCFVd) and *Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid* (TCDVd) in the world, in order to prevent the introduction of these agents into Turkey through seeds and their spread within Turkey's production sites, it is urgent to take action.

9. **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:

10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): This emergency measure will come into effect as of 15 September 2021. When the revision of the national Plant Quarantine Regulation is completed, a regular SPS notification will be made. This emergency notification will remain in effect until the Plant Quarantine Regulation revision is completed. [] Trade facilitating measure
12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Food and Control Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu Ankara - Turkey Tel: +(90) 312 258 7413 Fax: +(90) 312 258 7472 E-mail: sps@tarimorman.gov.tr bitkikarantina@tarimorman.gov.tr Website: http://www.tarimorman.gov.tr
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