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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>TURKEY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/ General Directorate of Food and Control
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>)
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: Emergency phytosanitary measures for the import of tomato, pepper and pumpkin seeds. Language(s): . Number of pages:
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><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>Columnea 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>

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, plant protection, protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, 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):

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
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