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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 14 November 2017, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Union.

New phytosanitary import requirements to the European Union

The proposal notified in G/SPS/N/EU/196 (13 February 2017) was adopted as Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2017/1279 of 14 July 2017 amending Annexes I to V to Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community [OJ L 184].

An addendum to this notification was published on 4 August 2017, in which the European Union informed about the adoption of the above measures. In addition, the European Union reminded trading partners the obligation to submit certain information to the European Union prior to 1 January 2018. In case the information is not provided by this date, the import into the EU territory of certain commodities will not be allowed.

In G/SPS/N/EU/196/Add.1, *Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch was accidentally not mentioned in the 6th indent on page 1, amongst those commodities that would not be allowed to be imported into the EU territory if the requested information was not provided. Therefore, the text of notification G/SPS/N/EU/196/Add.1 should be amended and it should read as follows:

NEW PROCEDURE:

The European Commission invites non-EU trading countries to communicate prior to 1 January 2018, the date of the application of the above mentioned Directive, the following information:

- for the import requirements for the bacterial causative agent of the citrus canker disease, whether the country is free from the harmful organism or the pest free areas of the country recognized in accordance with the relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures. In the case of the export of fruits subjected to a treatment, the details of the treatment applied need to be communicated and its efficacy documented (see the new point (16.2) and point (18.4) of Annex IV Part A Section I of Council Directive 2000/29/EC regarding the import requirements for *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *citri* and *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *aurantifolii*);
- for the import requirements for *Cercospora angolensis*, whether the country is free from the harmful organism or the pest free areas of the country recognized in accordance with the relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (see the new point (16.3) of Annex IV Part A Section I of Council Directive 2000/29/EC);
- for the import requirements for citrus black spot, whether the country is free from the harmful organism or the pest free areas of the country recognized in accordance with the relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (see the new point (16.4) of Annex IV Part A Section I of Council Directive 2000/29/EC of *Phyllosticta citricarpa*);
- for the import requirements for false codling moth, the treatment applied to the fruits. In addition, the effectiveness of the mentioned treatment needs to be documented (see the new point (16.6) of Annex IV Part A Section I of *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*).

The requested information should be sent to the plant health contact point of the European Commission, Directorate General for Health and Food Safety:
SANTE-G1-PLANT-HEALTH@ec.europa.eu.

As of 1 January 2018, the import into the EU territory of the following commodities will not be allowed, if that information is not provided.

- Fruits of *Citrus* L., *Fortunella* Swingle, *Poncirus* Raf., *Microcitrus* Swingle, *Naringi* Adans., *Swinglea* Merr., and their hybrids originating in all non-EU countries;
- Fruits of *Capsicum* (L.), *Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch, *Punica granatum* L. originating in countries of the African continent, Cabo Verde, Saint Helena, Madagascar, La Réunion, Mauritius and Israel;
- Plants of *Microcitrus* Swingle, *Naringi* Adans. and *Swinglea* Merr., other than fruits and seeds originating in all non-EU countries.

The received information will be shared by the Commission with the competent authorities of the member States of the European Union. In addition, an overview of the submitted information will be uploaded in the Commission web site

(https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/plant_health_biosecurity_en).

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_5102_00_e.pdf

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_5102_00_f.pdf

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_5102_00_s.pdf

This addendum concerns a:

- ☐ Modification of final date for comments
- ☐ Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- ☒ Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- ☐ Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- ☐ Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☐ Other:

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

- ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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