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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
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): <i>Fraxinus</i> spp. (ash) rooted and unrooted plants, fresh and dried branches, and seeds
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: Language(s): Number of pages:
6.	Description of content: The CFIA has recently completed a pest categorisation for <i>Chalara fraxinea</i> . The pest categorisation has concluded that <i>C. fraxinea</i> meets the definition of a quarantine pest and its introduction into Canada could cause significant negative economic and environmental impacts. Therefore, the CFIA is taking emergency measures to mitigate the risk of entry of the ash dieback pathogen, <i>C. fraxinea</i> . As of 30 January 2013, the importation of ash nursery stock and fresh branches from Germany and the Netherlands, as well as seeds and dried branches from all infested countries, will be prohibited entry into Canada.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input 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: Currently, the importation of ash nursery stock and fresh branches from all off-continent source except Germany and the Netherlands is Not Approved Pending Pest Risk Analysis (NAPPRA) as stipulated in directive D-08-04, <i>Plant Protection Import Requirements for Plants and Plant Parts for Planting: Preventing the Entry and Spread of Regulated Plant Pests Associated with the Plants for Planting Pathway</i> . Ash dieback caused by <i>C. fraxinea</i> is a serious emerging pest attacking ash trees in Europe. Since its detection in Poland and Lithuania in the early 1990's, this pathogen has spread across Europe where it causes important mortality of ash trees. Ash dieback is characterised by a rapid dieback of the crown, associated with the presence of cankers or lesions girdling the affected plant parts which usually leads to plant death.

9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>) ISPM N° 1, 2, 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>)/period of application (as applicable): 30 January 2013</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 type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Supporting documents are not presently available.</p>