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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>EGYPT</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation – Central Administration of Plant Quarantine (CAPQ)
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): Tomatoes, eggplant plants and plant products for all purposes, and any other plants that may be a host of <i>Tuta absoluta</i> in the future
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: Additional Import Phytosanitary Requirements for All Varieties of Tomatoes, Eggplant Plants and Plant Products for All Purposes Language: Arabic Number of pages: 1
6. Description of content: Any consignment of tomatoes, eggplant plants and plant products for all purposes that might be a host of <i>Tuta absoluta</i> in the future, shall be accompanied by a new and valid phytosanitary certificate, stating the following additional declaration: "These plants and/or plant products originated from an area recognized as free from <i>Tuta absoluta</i> Povolny (Tomato leaf miner)"
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: <i>Tuta absoluta</i> is considered as a key pest of tomato both in the field and under protected conditions. Both yield and fruit quality can be significantly reduced by the direct feeding of the pest and the secondary pathogens which may then enter through the wounds made by the pest. Severely attacked tomato fruits lose their commercial value. 50–100% losses have been reported on tomato. <i>T. absoluta</i> is potentially a serious pest of tomato in the warmer parts of Egypt, both in the field and in protected conditions. <i>T. absoluta</i> has spread from Central America to most of South America, Europe and most of south Mediterranean countries where significant damage is reported. In addition, control may be complicated by the appearance of pest resistance to insecticides. <i>T. absoluta</i> does not exist in Egypt. Therefore, Egypt decided to take this emergency action.

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 #13 "Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action"</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.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Download at http://www.ippc.int (available in all FAO languages)</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 15 August 2009</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input 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>Department of Foreign Agricultural Relations Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation Nadi El Saïd St., Dokki, Cairo, Egypt Tel: +(202) 376 281 95 Fax: +(202) 333 741 95 E-mail: enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com</p> <p>Central Department of WTO Ministry of Trade & Industry Extension of Ramsis St. Ministry of Finance Building, Tower 5, 7th Floor Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt Tel: +(202) 3422 47 6</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <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> <p>Department of Foreign Agricultural Relations Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation Nadi El Saïd St., Dokki, Cairo, Egypt Tel: +(202) 376 281 95 Fax: +(202) 333 741 95 E-mail: enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com</p>