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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 18 December 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Extension of emergency measures against Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus to include the seeds of additional cucurbit hosts

As notified on 23 October 2014 (G/SPS/N/AUS/347) and subsequent addenda (G/SPS/N/AUS/347/Add.1, G/SPS/N/AUS/347/Add.2), Australia's emergency measures against Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus (CGMMV) require that the seeds for sowing of known seed-borne hosts of CGMMV must be subject to testing. Since the introduction of the emergency measures, CGMMV has been detected on the seeds of two additional pumpkin species (*Cucurbita maxima* and *Cucurbita moschata*) and their hybrid (*Cucurbita maxima* x *Cucurbita moschata*). The seeds of these species will be subject to the same emergency measures as the seeds of other seed-borne hosts of CGMMV. In addition, the seeds of any hybrid that contains one or more parent species that are seed-borne hosts of CGMMV will be subject to the emergency measures against CGMMV. The emergency measures against CGMMV for the seeds of these additional hosts will be effective from 17 December 2015.

Amended emergency measures for seeds for sowing:

The emergency measures require that seeds for sowing of *Citrullus lanatus*, *Cucumis sativus*, *Cucumis melo*, *Cucurbita maxima*, *Cucurbita moschata*, *Cucurbita pepo*, *Lagenaria siceraria*, *Trichosanthes cucumerina* and any hybrid of one or more of these species are tested by ELISA using a sample size of 9,400 seeds following the protocol of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) 7-026 Detection of Squash mosaic virus, Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus and Melon necrotic spot virus in cucurbits. The testing of the seeds may be conducted offshore or onshore.

Phytosanitary certification requirements for seeds for sowing tested off-shore:

Each consignment of *Citrullus lanatus*, *Cucumis sativus*, *Cucumis melo*, *Cucurbita maxima*, *Cucurbita moschata*, *Cucurbita pepo*, *Lagenaria siceraria*, *Trichosanthes cucumerina* and any hybrid of one or more of these species must be accompanied by an official government Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with the following additional declaration:

The consignment of [botanical name (Genus species)] was tested by the ISTA 7-026 method of ELISA on a sample of 9,400 seeds and found free from Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus.

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified regulation
- Withdrawal of regulation
- Change in period of application of measure
- Other:

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