

Pursuant to Article 12 paragraph 5 of the Law on Plant Health Protection (Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro 28/06 and Official Gazette of Montenegro 28/11), the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development adopted the

RULEBOOK

ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOR PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION, SPREAD AND SUPPRESSION OF PEPINO MOSAIC VIRUS*

(Official Gazette of Montenegro 54/11 of 17 November 2011)

Article 1

This Rulebook shall prescribe the phytosanitary measures for prevention of introduction, spread and suppression of the Pepino mosaic virus which is transferred by tomato seed - *Lycopersicon lycopersicum* (L.) Karsten ex Farw.

Article 2

Tomato seed - *Lycopersicon lycopersicum* (L.) Karsten ex Farw. may be introduced in Montenegro and moved in the territory of Montenegro if it is not infected by the Pepino mosaic virus and if it is accompanied by a phytocertificate containing the data that seeds were obtained by the appropriate method of extraction by acid and that:

- seed originates from the area known for occurrence of Pepino mosaic virus, or
- during the entire vegetation cycle, no symptoms of infection with the Pepino mosaic virus have been detected on the tomato plants in the place of production, or
- representative sample of seed was officially tested by appropriate methods and that testing established that seed was free of the Pepino mosaic virus.

On the occasion of the phytosanitary check of tomato seeds originating from other countries, which is introduced in Montenegro, samples of tomato seed shall be taken as needed, for the purpose of the laboratory analysis, namely testing for presence of the Pepino mosaic virus.

Article 3

Tomato seeds may be relocated in the territory of Montenegro if it meets the requirements referred to in Article 2 of this Rulebook.

Provision of paragraph 1 of this Article shall not be applicable seed intended for sale to end-users which are not commercial producers, on condition that, on the basis of the packaging or other mark it is clearly visible that it is intended for these users.

Article 4

For the purpose of establishing presence and prevention of spread of the Pepino mosaic virus, systematic examination i.e. special surveillance shall be conducted in areas where tomato seedlings and fruits are produced, within the annual programme of phytosanitary measures, in compliance with the law.

Article 5

In case of suspected infection with Pepino mosaic virus:

- 1) sample shall taken and sent to the laboratory analysis in compliance with the law;
- 2) it shall be forbidden to move the tomato seedlings from the place where sample was taken and to replant it,
- 3) it shall be ordered to take preventative hygienic measures on the occasion of contact with plants, as follows:

- putting before the greenhouses, the receptacle with the disinfectant for footwear, which should be disinfected on every entry into and exit from the greenhouse;
- use of disposable gloves, plastic covers for footwear, which are combusted or disposed in the corresponding plastic bags after use, and destroyed in manner preventing spread of the Pepino mosaic virus;
- disinfecting and washing of garments in high temperature after use;
- disinfecting of equipment, equipment, tools, facilities for production, warehousing and handling and packaging and
- other measures in compliance with the law.

Article 6

When the laboratory analyses, namely testing confirm presence of infection with Pepino mosaic virus, the titleholder of plants shall be ordered to take the following measures:

- 1) in the place of production of tomato seedlings:
 - destruction of seedlings from the area where infection was established, by combustion or deep burying;
 - destruction by combustion: of the substrate used for growth of seedlings, paper and timber packaging which was in touch with the infected seedlings, gloves, plastic footwear covers, protective garments and other protective equipment used on the occasion of destroying the seedlings, the growth substrate and packaging;
 - cleaning and disinfection of the areas for production, warehousing, handling and packaging;
 - destruction of all weeds in the production area and in the extent of at least 1 m from the area where infection was established, by application of herbicide and
 - other measures in compliance with the law.
- 2) in places of production of tomato fruits, after finished production cycle:
 - destruction of all remains of tomato plants after picking of fruits, by combustion or deep burying;
 - destruction by combustion: of the substrate used for growth of plants, paper and timber packaging which was in touch with the infected tomato plants or fruits, gloves, plastic footwear covers, protective garments and other protective equipment used on the occasion of destroying the plant remains after picking of the fruits, the growth substrate and packaging;
 - cleaning and disinfection of equipment (including the system for irrigation and nutrition of plants, tools, plastic packaging, lockers for footwear and garments used in production packaging and dispatching of tomato fruits;
 - cleaning and disinfection of areas for production, warehousing, handling and packaging;
 - destroying of all weeds in the production area and in the extent of at least 1 m from the area where infection was established, by use of herbicides, and other measures in compliance with the law.

Article 9

This rulebook shall enter into force on the eighth day from the day of publication in the Official Gazette of Montenegro.

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MINISTER
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* 2004/200/EC: Commission Decision of 27 February 2004 on measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of Pepino mosaic virus was transposed in this Rulebook.