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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

# **NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

1. Notifying Member: <u>TÜRKIYE</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control
- 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): Unmanufactured tobacco and tobacco refuse (tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Introduction of import requirements for unmanufactured tobacco. **Language(s): . Number of pages:**
- **6. Description of content:** As of 31 March 2023 Türkiye requires that tobacco (partly or wholly stemmed/stripped) products shall accompany a phytosanitary certificate and shall be subject to phytosanitary control upon entry into the country.

Therefore, if the products in question do not carry a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of the exporting country or are not found suitable after the phytosanitary control at the entry, they will be either returned or destroyed.

- Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection,
  [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Tobacco (partly or wholly stemmed/stripped) poses phytosanitary risks just like unmanufactured tobacco and tobacco refuse.

Therefore, it has been aimed to prevent entry of harmful organisms associated with unmanufactured tobacco and tobacco refuse, including tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped.

- 9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
  - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (*e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number*):
  - [X] International Plant Protection Convention (*e.g. ISPM number*): ISPM No. 13

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# [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

# **10.** Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

**11.** Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable): 31 March 2023

# [] Trade facilitating measure

12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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# **13.** Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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