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To  
IPPC Secretariat and NPPOs Contact Point

**Subject: Phytosanitary requirements related to *Phthorimaea absoluta***

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to inform you that Indonesia Agricultural Quarantine Agency (IAQA) has reviewed the phytosanitary requirements regarding precautions for *Phthorimaea absoluta* (tomato leafminer) as emerging pests in several region in the world. In this regard, I would like to provide the following information:

1. *Phthorimaea absoluta* (formerly known as *Tuta absoluta*) is considered to be an invasive pest and become a threat to our agriculture, particularly solanaceous crops, which have been widely cultivated in Indonesia. This pest is likely to spread to other regions through agricultural trade and human movement;
2. In conjunction with the point above, IAQA has modified the phytosanitary requirements for the importation of various commodities to Indonesia which are associated with *P. absoluta*. The type of commodities and country of origin which specific conditions should be applied are listed in the attachment;
3. In order to ensure that the commodities are free from *P. absoluta*, IAQA requires that the consignment concerned must be inspected by the NPPO of exporting countries and found to be free from the pest. The additional declaration should be stated on the phytosanitary certificate to indicate that the consignment was free from *P. absoluta* (wording: "the consignment was inspected and found free from *Phthorimaea absoluta*");
4. In addition to point 3 above, specific for imported tomato fresh fruit, IAQA requires that the fruit should be treated by using pure methyl bromide with a dosage rate of 48 gr/m<sup>3</sup> for 30 minutes at a temperature of 21°C or other appropriate treatment. This condition should be stated in the disinfestation and/or disinfection treatment section on the phytosanitary certificate.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,



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cc.:  
Mr. Bambang, Director General for IAQA

**Attachment**

SCIENTIFIC NAME/SYNONIM/TAXON/ COMMON NAME	HOST	PATHWAY	GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION
<p><i>Phthorimaea absoluta</i> Meyrick, 1917; (Syn. <i>Phthorimaea absoluta</i> Meyrick, 1917, <i>Phthorimaea absoluta</i> (Meyrick, 1917), <i>Scrobipalpula absoluta</i> (Meyrick, 1917) Povolny, 1964, <i>Scrobipalpuloides absoluta</i> (Meyrick, 1917) Povolny, 1987, <i>Tuta absoluta</i> (Meyrick, 1917) (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae); <i>tomato leafminer</i></p>	<p><i>Capsicum annuum</i> (bell pepper, paprika), <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (tomato), <i>Beta vulgaris</i> (beetroot), <i>Amaranthus viridis</i>, <i>Capsicum</i>, <i>Physalis angulata</i>, <i>Solanum melongena</i> (aubergine), <i>Solanum muricatum</i> (melon pear), <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> (potato), <i>Sorgum halepense</i>, <i>Spinacia oleracea</i>, <i>Xanthium strumarium</i></p>	<p>fruits, flowers, stems, leaves, seedlings</p>	<p>Africa: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Cameroon, DR Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Libya, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Mayotte, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe</p> <p>America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Haiti, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela</p> <p>Asia: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, China, Georgia, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yemen</p> <p>Europe: Albania, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus,</p>

			Czechia, France, <b>Germany</b> , Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom
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