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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<p><b>1. Notifying Member:</b> TÜRKIYE <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b></p>
<p><b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control</p>
<p><b>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):</b> Tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.) and pepper (<i>Capsicum</i> spp.) seeds and plants for planting purposes</p>
<p><b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:</p>
<p><b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Measures to prevent the introduction of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) into Türkiye. <b>Language(s):</b> . <b>Number of pages:</b></p>
<p><b>6. Description of content:</b> In order to prevent the entry of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (Tobamovirus, ToBRFV) into Türkiye, an additional declaration was introduced in the phytosanitary certificates for the import of tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.) and capsicum (<i>Capsicum</i> spp.) seeds and plants for planting purposes from countries, which were notified through G/SPS/N/TUR/109, G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.1, G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.2, G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.3, G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.4, G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.5 and G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.5/Corr.1.</p> <p>As of 1 September 2024, the phytosanitary requirements for tomato and pepper seeds and plants for planting purposes from all countries entering Türkiye are set out below.</p> <p><b>Article 1.</b> Introduction into Türkiye of the <b>tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.) and hybrids thereof, and of pepper (<i>Capsicum</i> spp.) plants</b> (hereinafter referred to as specified plants) for planting</p> <p>1. Specified plants for planting, <u>other than</u> the ones belonging to varieties which are known to be <u>resistant</u> to ToBRFV, may only be introduced if they are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate which, under the heading "Additional declaration" includes the following elements:</p> <p>(a) an official statement that the specified plants for planting in the Additional declaration derive from seeds which comply with the requirements laid down in Article 2;</p> <p>(b) an official statement that the specified plants for planting in the Additional declaration have been produced in a production site which is registered and supervised by the national plant protection organisation in the country of origin and known to be free from the ToBRFV on the basis of official inspections, sampling and testing carried out at the appropriate time to detect that pest;</p> <p>(c) the Name of the registered production site.</p>

2. Specified plants for planting of varieties which are known to be resistant to ToBRFV may only be introduced if they are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate, which, under the heading "Additional Declaration", confirms that resistance.

**Article 2.** Introduction into Türkiye of the **tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum L.*) and hybrids thereof, and of pepper (*Capsicum spp.*) seeds** (hereinafter referred to as specified seeds)

1. Specified seeds, other than the ones belonging to varieties which are known to be resistant to ToBRFV, may only be introduced into Türkiye if they are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate, which, under the heading "Additional Declaration" contains all of the following:
- (a) an official statement that all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:
- (i) The mother plants of the specified seeds concerned have been produced in a production site where the ToBRFV is known not to occur, on the basis of official inspections carried out at the appropriate time to detect ToBRFV;
- (ii) in the case of a specified seed lot originating from more than 30 mother plants, that specified seed lot, prior to processing, has been analysed using the RT-PCR method and found to be free from the ToBRFV according to these tests;
- (iii) in the case of a specific seed lot originating from less than or equal to 30 mother plants, analyses using the RT-PCR method have been carried out on the specified seeds, or on each individual mother plant of those specified seeds and specified seeds or mother plants have been found, according to those analyses, to be free from the ToBRFV;
- (b) information ensuring the traceability of the production site of the mother plants.
2. Specified seeds of varieties, which are known to be resistant to ToBRFV, originating from all countries, may only be introduced if they are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate, which, under the heading "Additional Declaration", confirms that resistance.
3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, point (a), specified seeds that have been harvested prior to 31 August 2023 and before their introduction into Türkiye have been found to comply with the requirements of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1191, may be introduced into Türkiye accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate indicating under the heading "Additional Declaration", the following statement: "These seeds have been harvested before 31 August 2023 and have been found to be free from the ToBRFV using RT-PCR method".

**Article 3.** The analysis of the specified plants and specified seeds referred to in Articles 1 and 2 above must be carried out using the real-time RT-PCR method as described in the Annex to EU directive 2023/1032. Under the heading "Additional Declaration" of the Phytosanitary Certificate, it shall state that "it has been found to be free from the ToBRFV using the real-time RT-PCR analysis method".

7. **Objective and rationale:**  food safety,  animal health,  plant protection,  protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease,  protect territory from other damage from pests.

8. **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):**

**International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):**

**None**

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> G/SPS/N/TUR/109, G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.1, G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.2, G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.3, G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.4, G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.5 and G/SPS/N/TUR/109/Add.5/Corr.1</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 September 2024 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 September 2024 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" 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>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Food and Control Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu - Ankara/TURKIYE Tel: +(90 312) 258 7452 Fax: +(90 312) 258 7472 E-mail: <a href="mailto:nppoturkiye@tarimorman.gov.tr">nppoturkiye@tarimorman.gov.tr</a> <a href="mailto:sps@tarimorman.gov.tr">sps@tarimorman.gov.tr</a></p>
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