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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 12 October 2023, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Türkiye.

Emergency phytosanitary measures for the import of tomato, pepper and squash seeds

Türkiye has introduced the requirement of an additional declaration for the import of tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*), pepper (*Capsicum annuum*) and squash (*Cucurbita pepo*) seeds as of 15 September 2021 to prevent introduction and spread of Tomato apical stunt viroid (TASVd), Columnnea latent viroid (CLVd), Pepper chat fruit viroid (PCFVd), Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid (TCDVd), Tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus (ToLCNDV) and Tomato mottle mosaic virus (ToMMV) and SPS notifications G/SPS/N/TUR/119, G/SPS/N/TUR/119/Add.1 and G/SPS/N/TUR/119/Add.2 have been made to inform our trade partners about the changes on necessary conditions.

Now there is a need to update the phytosanitary requirements requested from all exporting countries in the import of tomato, pepper, and squash seeds to Türkiye. Additional declaration will also be required for Tomato planta macho viroid (TPMVd) for tomato seeds with this new amendment.

If the necessary information about the place of production cannot be obtained because of the fact that the tomato, pepper and squash seeds subject to the SPS Notification with the symbol G/SPS/N/TUR/119/Add.2 were harvested before 15 September 2021, the import conditions for tomato, pepper and squash seeds from all countries ends on 31 May 2023, in the phytosanitary certificates following conditions shall be required after 1 December 2023:

For tomato seeds, an additional declaration will be requested on the Phytosanitary Certificate stating that:

- a) They originate from countries where the existence of ToMMV, TASVd, CLVd, PCFVd, TCDVd and TPMVd is not known, or
- b) In areas where ToMMV, TASVd, CLVd, PCFVd, TCDVd and TPMVd are known to exist;
 - i) The seeds originate from a production area known to be free, and name of the production place,
 - ii) It was analyzed using the Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-qPCR) method, and found to be free of ToMMV, TASVd, CLVd, PCFVd, TCDVd and TPMVd,

► **M1** In cases where the place of production of seeds harvested before 31 December 2023 is unknown; if the seeds are found to be free of Tomato Planta Macho Viroid (TPMVd) by the exporting country through analysis using the Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RTqPCR) method, the Phytosanitary Certificate shall include:

- "Seeds were analyzed using the RTqPCR method in terms of TPMVd and were found to be free.";
- "Seeds produced before 31 December 2023." statements.

The import conditions for tomato seeds from places of production unknown shall be valid until 31 March 2024. ◀

For pepper seeds, an additional declaration will be requested on the Phytosanitary Certificate stating that:

- a) They originate from countries where the existence of ToMMV, TASVd and PCFVd is not known, or
- b) In areas where ToMMV, TASVd and PCFVd are known to exist;
 - i) The seeds originate from a production area known to be free, and name of the production place,
 - ii) It has been analyzed using Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-qPCR) method, and found to be free of ToMMV, TASVd and PCFVd.

For squash seeds, an additional declaration will be requested on the Phytosanitary Certificate stating that:

- a) They originate from countries where the existence of ToLCNDV is not known, or
- b) In areas where ToLCNDV is known to exist;
 - i) The seeds originate from a production area known to be free, and name of the production place,
 - ii) It has been analyzed using Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-qPCR) method, in terms of ToLCNDV and the product was found to be free of the vectors in question,
- c) In the areas where the plants are produced, in the official controls carried out by the National Plant Protection Organization according to the relevant ISPM during the season, the ToLCNDV vector *Bemisia tabaci* was not detected and it is free from pest or,
- d) Plants are subjected to appropriate treatment for eradication of ToLCNDV vector *Bemisia tabaci* in the production areas where the plants are produced.

►M1 In cases where the place of production of seeds harvested before 31 December 2023 is unknown; if the seeds are found to be free of Tomato Leaf Curl New Delhi Virus (ToLCNDV) by the exporting country through analysis using the Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RTqPCR) method, the Phytosanitary Certificate shall include:

- "Seeds were analyzed using the RTqPCR method in terms of ToLCNDV and were found free.";
- "Seeds produced before 31 December 2023." statements.

The import conditions for squash seeds from places of production unknown shall be valid until 31 March 2024. ◀

All above-mentioned requirements will be **applicable as of 1 December 2023**.

This addendum concerns a:

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