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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

- 1. Notifying Member: EGYPT
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation Central Administration of Plant Quarantine (NPPO of Egypt)

NOTIFICATION

- 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): Plants and plant products
- 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:** Electronic Platform For The Confirmation Of Authenticity of Egyptian Phytosanitary Certificates. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:**

6. Description of content:

- The Egyptian NPPO has established an Electronic Platform for the confirmation of authenticity of Egyptian phytosanitary certificates through the following link <u>http://www.capq.gov.eg/Exporting/PhytosanitaryCertificate/Index</u> as a trade facilitating measure and to overcome the challenges of exchanging the phytosanitary certificates within COVID-19 outbreak.
- Through this platform, trading partners can easily confirm the authenticity of the Egyptian phytosanitary certificates which could be a copy delivered by the exporter/importer by entering the certificate number and login with a secured password. Then the original phytosanitary certificate will be downloaded, and authenticity can be confirmed.
- All trading partners who are interested in using this platform shall send an official request to the NPPO of Egypt through <u>ippc@capq.gov.eg</u> and <u>ippc.egypt@gmail.com</u> and the NPPO will provide a password according to the request sent.
- Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection,
 [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] 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):
 - [X] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No: 7 and ISPM No: 12
 - [] 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:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 16 June 2020

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 16 June 2020

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 16 June 2020

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 22 August 2020

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

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