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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA), Ministry for Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)
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): Seeds for sowing and pollen for pollination (when imported by hand-carried baggage, mail, courier service, or household goods)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Notification of change of Phytosanitary measure for seeds for sowing and pollen for pollination without a Phytosanitary Certificate. Language(s): English and Korean. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_03070_00_e.PDF
6.	Description of content: The Republic of Korea has amended its phytosanitary regulation concerning the importation of seeds for sowing and pollen for pollination. Effective 5 September 2026, all imports of seed for sowing and pollen for pollination must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of the exporting country, regardless of the means of transport or quantity. This phytosanitary measure has been introduced to address the risk associated with the detection of unauthorized living modified organisms (LMOs) and quarantine pests in imported seeds.
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): ISPM 7, 11, 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): 4 June 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 4 June 2026
11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 September 2026 [] Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 August 2026 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: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs /MAFRA 94 Dasom2-ro, Government Complex-Sejong, Sejong-si 339-012, Republic of Korea Tel: +(82 44) 201 2080/2081 Fax: +(82 44) 868 0449 E-mail: wtoagri@korea.kr
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