NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 10 November 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Korea.

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| Amendment of prohibited areas and hosts of Potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTVd) |
| The Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA), Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) in the Republic of Korea, has amended prohibited areas and host plants of Potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTVd), one of the prohibited quarantine pests of Korea, which is based on the result of Pest Risk Analysis (PRA). The import of seeds for sowing, fresh stems and leaves, and living and fresh underground parts of host plants from the specified regions will be prohibited from the consignments with Phytosanitary Certificate, shipped on and after 11 November 2021. The information of prohibited areas and host plants about Potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTVd) is detailed in the attachment 1 (available in English).<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/KOR/21_7104_00_e.pdf>* Three regions or countries are removed from prohibited areas: Argentina, Chile, New Zealand.
* Among the host plants from prohibited areas where PSTVd has been distributed, the import of the following products will be permitted on condition as follows:
	+ Product covered: Seeds for sowing of Atriplex semilunarisis, Brugmansia spp., Capsicum annuum (syn. Capsicum frutescens), *Cestrum aurantiacum*, *Cestrum elegans*, *Cestrum endlicheri*, *Cestrum nocturnum*, *Cestrum* x *cultum*, *Chenopodium eremaeum*, Dahlia spp., *Datura leichhardtii*, *Erigeron bonariensis*, *Hevea brasiliensis*, *Lycianthes rantonnetii* (syn. *Solanum rantonnetii*), *Nicandra physalodes*, *Persea americana*, *Physalis angulata*, *Physalis peruviana*, *Solanum anguivi*, *Solanum coagulans*, *Solanum dasyphyllum*, *Solanum laxum* (syn. *Solanum jasminoides*), *Solanum lycopersicum* (syn. *Lycopersicon esculentum*), *Solanum melongena*, *Solanum muricatum*, *Solanum nigrum*, *Solanum pseudocapsicum*, *Solanum sisymbriifolium*, *Streptosolen jamesonii*.
	+ Import will be permitted on condition of either (1) or (2):
1. By certifying that the exported seeds are produced in areas, places or production sites free from Potato spindle tuber viroid. Each consignment must be accompanied by the Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with the following additional declaration: "The seeds are produced from pest free area, places or production site for Potato spindle tuber viroid by establishing and maintaining the pest free status in accordance with ISPM No. 4 or No. 10."
2. By certifying that the export seeds are free from Potato spindle tuber viroid through PCR test before export. Each consignment must be accompanied by Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with the following additional declaration. "The seeds were tested by PCR before export and found free from Potato spindle tuber viroid." Or each consignment should be accompanied by the Phytosanitary Certificate and a separate "PCR Inspection Certificate" (see attachment 2, available in English, <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/KOR/21_7104_01_e.pdf>) PCR test results from public testing agencies and labs authorized by the NPPO (educational organizations, commercial testing labs or seed industry labs etc.) will be accepted.

\* If the PCR test certificate is accompanied, the copy of authorization of the testing agencies or labs issued by the NPPO of an export country and the electrophoresis report of PCR test would be required. |
| **This addendum concerns a:** |
| [ ] Modification of final date for comments |
| [ ] Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation |
| [ ] Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation |
| [ ] Withdrawal of proposed regulation |
| [ ] Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force |
| [**X**] Other: Amendment of prohibited areas and hosts of Potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTVd). |
| **Comment period: *(If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)*** |
| [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: Not applicable |
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