NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 14 July 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Brazil.

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| Ordinance (Portaria) No. 204 of 5 July 2021, Amends the Ordinance (Portaria) No. 177 of 16 June 2021 that establishes procedures and criteria for phytosanitary certification in the export and import of plants, parts of plants, products of plant origin and other regulated articles |
| The Department of Plant Health and Agricultural Inputs (MAPA - Brazil) has updated the Regulation regarding the use of Phytosanitary Certificates for plant products.  The Portaria No. 177 of 16 June 2021 came into force on 1 July 2021, replacing the Instrução Normativa No. 71 of 2018.  The Regulation is focused on establishing the procedures to issue the Phytosanitary Certificates that will accompany the plant products exported by Brazil.  However, the Regulation is now establishing some basic rules for receiving the Phytosanitary Certificates to plant products imported as well. The Chapter "V" sets out the conditions for accepting Phytosanitary Certificates related to the import of plant products. We would like to highlight the new requirement regarding the validity of Phytosanitary Certificates that accompany plant products imported into Brazil.  The Phytosanitary Certificate or the Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-export will not be considered valid if they were issued more than 14 days before the departure of the plants, plant products and other regulated articles from the exporting country. The date of departure will be considered the date of bill of lading issuance.  Furthermore, we would like to inform that the Brazilian Phytosanitary Certificate will continue to be issued with electronic/digital signature. This procedure is aligned with the ISPM 12 IPPC and follows security protocols to ensure its reliability.  Lastly, from 1 October 2021 on, the Brazilian Phytosanitary Certificates will be issued on white regular paper. The light green paper will no longer be used after 1 October 2021, for the issuance of the Phytosanitary Certificates.  <https://www.in.gov.br/web/dou/-/portaria-mapa-n-204-de-5-de-julho-de-2021-330694805>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/BRA/21_4687_00_x.pdf> |
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