NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** CHILE  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero* (Agriculture and Livestock Service) |
| **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):** Caper (*Capparis spinosa*) plants |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ] All trading partners**  **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Argentina |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Establece Requisitos Fitosanitarios de Importación para Plantas de Alcaparra (Capparis spinosa) Procedentes de Argentina* (Phytosanitary requirements governing the importation of caper (*Capparis spinosa*) plants from Argentina) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 3  Text available at: <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CHL/18_3858_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:**   1. The notified text establishes the phytosanitary requirements governing the importation of caper (*Capparis spinosa*) plants from Argentina. For the purpose of this Resolution, bare-rooted *Capparis spinosa* plants shall be understood to mean young herbaceous plants with roots, leaves and stems, and without flowers. 2. In order to enter the country, shipments must be covered by an official phytosanitary certificate issued by the Argentine phytosanitary authority, which shall contain an additional declaration stating that the plant material to be imported comes from an officially certified production programme or from germplasm nurseries or repositories controlled by the Argentine phytosanitary authority. 3. Furthermore, the material must comply with the following phytosanitary requirements which will be verified during the phytosanitary inspection at the point of entry:    1. Shipments must be free of soil, flower buds and flowers.    2. Accompanying substrates and/or materials used to protect the seedlings or preserve humidity must comply with current regulations governing the entry of inert substrates for plants.    3. Packaging must be new (repackaging is not permitted), closed, resistant to handling, and labelled or marked in accordance with the Agriculture and Livestock Service (SAG) regulations currently in force. 4. For materials modified genetically by modern biotechnology, the importer must declare their genetic status and comply with SAG regulations establishing requirements for their importation and release into the environment. 5. Each shipment will be inspected by the SAG at the point of entry for the physical and documentary inspection of the established phytosanitary requirements. Where pests are detected during inspection, phytosanitary risk management measures will be applied in accordance with the identified risk. |
| **7.** | **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 Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM No.)*** 1, 2 and 20  **[ ] 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)*:** Upon publication in the Official Journal.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 80 days from the date of circulation of the notification. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** Upon publication in the Official Journal.  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** 18 September 2018  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  Email: sps.chile@sag.gob.cl |
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