NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Republic of Korea**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):** Plants |
| **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:** Change of phytosanitary certificate form issued by APQA of the Republic of Korea. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_5421_00_X.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_5421_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** * The APQA/MAFRA of the Republic of Korea will change the phytosanitary certificate form due to the revision of the Plant Protection Act, Enforcement Decree and Enforcement Rule of Plant Protection Act as follows:
	+ the previous certificate indicated: only use English; however the new certificate indicates: use English along with Korean;
	+ the new certificate adds 'Country of export';
* The new phytosanitary certificate form became valid for use since 4 December 2017.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [****X] 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)*:** **[****X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** ISPM 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 December 2017**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 4 December 2017**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable. The inquiries and comments related to the Phytosanitary Certification issued by APQA of the Republic of Korea can be made anytime.**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:** Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency/MAFRA 177, Hyeoksin 8-ro, Gimcheon-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, 39660, Republic of KoreaTel: +(82) 54 912 0628Fax: +(82) 54 912 0635E-mail: npqs@korea.kr |
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