NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Thailand  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** - |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives |
| **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):** Capsicum (*C. annuum*, *C. baccatum*, *C. chinense*, *C. frutescens*, *C. pubescens*) seeds for sowing ) (ICS Code: 65.020.20) |
| **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:** Draft conditions for import of capsicum seeds for sowing.**Language(s):** Thai and English. **Number of pages:** 5 and 5  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_0042_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_0042_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Notification G/SPS/N/THA/265 (dated 8 July 2019) which entitled "Draft Conditions for Import of Capsicum Seeds for Sowing" is intended to be replaced with this draft specified as follows:  Draft conditions for import of capsicum seeds for sowing into the Kingdom of Thailand. Capsicum seed lots are required to fulfill one of the following phytosanitary import conditions, or a combination of the two conditions addressing each of the four quarantine pests.  1. Capsicum seeds were produced in a country where *Clavibacter michiganensis* *michiganensis*, *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus*, *Columnea latent viroid* and *Potato spindle tuber viroid* are not known to occur, or  2. Capsicum seeds were officially tested on sample of 3,000 seeds (or at least 10 percent of the lot as a small seed lot) using an appropriate genetic method (e.g. Polymerase Chain Reaction; PCR, Reverse Transcription-PCR; RT-PCR) and found free from *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *michiganensis*, *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus*, *Columnea latent viroid* and *Potato spindle tuber viroid*. |
| **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 No. 38: International movement of seeds  **[ ]****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)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 60 days after being notified under the Official Gazette.  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 8 March 2020  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS)  50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao  Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900  Thailand  Tel: +(662) 561 4024  Fax: +(662) 561 4034  E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com  Websites: <http://www.acfs.go.th>  <http://www.spsthailand.net/> |
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