NOTIFICATION

Revision

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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 (HS code: 12.09, 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 Notification of Department of Agriculture Re: Conditions for Import of Capsicum Seeds B.E. .... (….). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 4[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/THA/24\_03148\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/THA/24_03148_00_e.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Department of Agriculture (DOA) is proposing to revise the DOA notification concerning the phytosanitary import requirements of Capsicum (*C. annuum*, *C. baccatum*, *C. chinense*, *C. frutescens*, *C. pubescens*) seeds for sowing from all countries as follows:1. The Notification of Department of Agriculture, Re: Conditions for import of Capsicum Seeds B.E. 2563 (2020), dated 30 November 2020, is repealed and replaced by this (Draft) DOA notification;
2. Capsicum seed lots are required to fulfil one of the following phytosanitary import conditions, and/or a combination of the two conditions addressing each of five quarantine pests, i.e. *Clavibacter michiganensis*, *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus*, *Tomato mottle mosaic virus*, *Columnea latent viroid* and *Potato spindle tuber viroid*.

Capsicum seeds were produced in a country where the quarantine pests are not known to occur; ORCapsicum seeds were officially tested by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) or Real time PCR method on a sample size not less than 3,000 seeds were taken from a sampling of lot, or in the case of a small seed lot, a sampling of lot as sample not less than 10 percent of weight and found free from the quarantine pests. |
| **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)*:** 15 July 2024**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, LadyaoChatuchak, Bangkok 10900ThailandTel: +(662) 561 4204Fax: +(662) 561 4034E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.comWebsites: <http://www.acfs.go.th> [https://spsthailand.acfs.go.th/th/main](https://spsthailand.acfs.go.th/th/main%20)  |
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