NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture |
| **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):** Growing media used for plant planting |
| **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 of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Growing Media".**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 3<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/TPKM/19_2542_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** For the importation of growing media such as peat moss, peat, bark, snakewood, sphagnum, moss, coconut coir or other products used for plant planting, the importer or its representing agent must provide a phytosanitary certificate issued by the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country. In addition, based on different types of growing media, there will be different quarantine requirements that need to be complied with. |
| **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 N° 2, 32 **[ ]****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:** Draft of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Growing Media", Nong Shou Fang Zi No. 1081493246A dated 25 March 2019) can be found at: <http://www.coa.gov.tw/> (available in Chinese). |
| **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)*:** To be determined.**[ ]****Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 29 June 2019**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:** Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture9F, No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 10070, TaiwanTel: +(886) 2 3343 2091Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw |
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