NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Turkey  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control |
| **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):** Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and capsicum (*Capsicum* sp.) seeds |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Germany, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Mexico |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Notice of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Turkey on requirement of an additional declaration on tomato and capsicum seed exports into Turkey for *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus* affected countries. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus* (*Tobamovirus*, ToBRFV), which is included in Tobamoviruses, has recently caused important crop losses for growers of tomato and capsicum. The virus, which has been added to the EPPO Alert List by the EPPO Secretariat, was first identified in Jordan on tomatoes in 2015. Outbreaks have recently occurred in Germany, Israel, Italy and Mexico in North America.  Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and capsicum (*Capsicum* sp.) are the main hosts of this virus.  In this context, in order to prevent entry of *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus* (*Tobamovirus*, ToBRFV) into Turkey, an additional declaration is to be provided in the phytosanitary certificates for the import of tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and capsicum (*Capsicum* sp.) seeds known to be affected from the virus, originating from Jordan, Germany, Israel, Italy and Mexico.  Additional declaration must provide consignments analysed by means of RT-PCR Method and certify to be free from the virus by the exporter country as of 15 March 2019. |
| **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.** | **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** In order to prevent entry of *Tomato brown rugose fruit virus* (*Tobamovirus*, ToBRFV) into Turkey, an additional declaration is to be provided for the import of tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and capsicum (*Capsicum* sp.) seeds originating from countries known to be affected from the virus. |
| **9.** | **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)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [ ]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **10.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Regulation on Plant Quarantine |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 15 March 2019  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **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:**  Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  General Directorate of Food and Control  Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu Ankara - Turkey  Tel: +(90) 312 258 74 13  Fax: +(90) 312 258 74 72  E-mail: sps@tarimorman.gov.tr  bitkikarantina@tarimorman.gov.tr  Website: <http://www.tarimorman.gov.tr> |
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