NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** URUGUAY  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Ministerio de Ganadería, Agricultura y Pesca* (Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries) |
| **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):** Avocado (*Persea americana*) plants, *in vitro* plants, cuttings, seeds and fruit |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ] All trading partners**  **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Argentina; Brazil; Paraguay |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Proyecto de Decreto que incorpora al derecho positivo nacional la Resolución del Grupo Mercado Común (GMC) No 10/23, del 15 de junio de 2023 "Subestándar 3.7.40 - Requisitos Fitosanitarios para Persea americana (palto o aguacate) según país de destino y origen, para los Estados Partes del MERCOSUR (Derogación de la Resolución GMC No 21/18)"* (Draft Decree incorporating into national positive law Common Market Group (GMC) Resolution No. 10/23 of 15 June 2023, "Substandard 3.7.40: Phytosanitary requirements for *Persea americana* (avocado), according to country of destination and origin, for MERCOSUR member States (repeal of GMC Resolution No. 21/18)") **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 17  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/URY/23\_13446\_00\_s.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/URY/23_13446_00_s.pdf" \t "_blank)  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/URY/23\_13446\_01\_s.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/URY/23_13446_01_s.pdf" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified draft Decree updates the phytosanitary requirements for the importation of *Persea americana* (avocado) plants, *in vitro* plants, seeds, cuttings and fruit, for trade among MERCOSUR member States, as approved by GMC Resolution No. 10/23. It also repeals Directorate-General of Agricultural Services Resolution No. 105 of 20 August 2018, published in the Official Journal on 12 September 2018, which had incorporated the previous GMC Resolution No. 21/18. |
| **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 Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM No.)*:**   * ISPM No. 1: Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade * ISPM No. 2: Guidelines for pest risk analysis * ISPM No. 11: Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests * ISPM No. 20: Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system   **[ ] 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)*:** To be determined  **[X] 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  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  Ministerio de Ganadería, Agricultura y Pesca  *Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales* (International Affairs Unit)  Constituyente 1476, 3° piso  Tel.: (+598) 2412 6358  Email: [uai@mgap.gub.uy](mailto:uai@mgap.gub.uy)  *Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores* (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)  *Dirección General para Asuntos Económicos Internacionales* (Directorate-General for International Economic Affairs)  *Dirección de Organismos Económicos Internacionales* (International Economic Organizations Department)  Colonia 1206, 4° piso  Tel.: (+598) 2902 0618  Fax: (+598) 2901 7413  Email: [negociaciones.organismos@mrree.gub.uy](mailto:negociaciones.organismos@mrree.gub.uy) |
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