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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u></p> <p>If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ)</p>
<p>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): Flower bulbs of <i>Dahlia</i> spp., <i>Gladiolus</i> spp., <i>Hippeastrum</i> spp., <i>Hyacinthus</i> spp., <i>Lilium</i> spp., <i>Narcissus</i> spp., <i>Ornithogalum</i> spp., <i>Tulipa</i> spp. for plantation purpose</p>
<p>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:</p>
<p>5. Title of the notified document: Draft of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Flower Bulbs" Language(s): Chinese Number of pages: 2</p> <p>http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/TPKM/12_3443_00_x.pdf</p>
<p>6. Description of content:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Definition of the commodity covered in the draft.2. The plant quarantine authority of the country where flower bulb production should conduct field inspections during the production season; or the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country should conduct sample testing by immunological or molecular biological techniques to prove that the flower bulbs are free from the listed viruses.3. The plant quarantine authority of the exporting country should supervise the application of miticide and nematocide prior to the export.4. The importation of flower bulbs shall be accompanied with a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of exporting member endorsed with the following declarations: (1) The flower bulbs have been inspected in the field during the production season; or the flower bulbs have undergone laboratory testing prior to the export to confirm that they are free of the viruses. (2) The flower bulbs have been treated with miticide and nematocide under the supervision of the exporting country's plant quarantine authority, and the name of the chemical treatments, their concentration dosage and application methods have been listed.

<p>5. Consignment of flower bulbs will be prohibited from entering if the following situations are identified: (1) The consignment is not accompanied with a phytosanitary certificate issued by the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country upon importation, or that the phytosanitary certificate has not attested the prescribed endorsements of virus inspections or testing and cannot be reissued with the required declarations. (2) The flower bulbs are found with listed viruses during the import inspection.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>) ISPM 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Nil</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 12 October 2012</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine 9F, 51 Chung Ching S. Rd., Sec. 2, Taipei 100 Taiwan Tel: +(886) 2 2343 2084 Fax: +(886) 2 2343 1400 E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw</p>

**13. Texts available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point.
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