NOTIFICATION

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** ECUADOR  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Agencia de Regulación y Control Fito y Zoosanitario*, AGROCALIDAD (Agency for Phytosanitary and Animal Health Regulation 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):** Asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*) seeds |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ] All trading partners**  **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Chile |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Propuesta de requisitos fitosanitarios para la importación de semillas de espárrago (Asparagus officinalis) para la siembra, originarias de Chile* (Draft phytosanitary requirements for the importation of asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*) seeds for sowing from Chile) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 1  Text available at: <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/ECU/18_0623_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified text establishes the mandatory phytosanitary requirements for the importation of asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*) seeds for sowing from Chile. |
| **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.** | **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.)*** Nos. 2, 11 and 21  **[ ] 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)*:** 31 January 2018  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 31 January 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):**  **[X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** 2 April 2018  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  *Agencia de Regulación y Control Fito y Zoosanitario*, AGROCALIDAD (Agency for Phytosanitary and Animal Health Regulation and Control)  Av. Eloy Alfaro y Amazonas, Edificio MAGAP, Piso 9, Quito, Ecuador  Tel.: (+593) 2 256 7232/254 3319/8751  Fax: (+593) 2 256 7232/254 3319/8751, Ext. 153  Email: direccion@agrocalidad.gob.ec  relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  Agencia de Regulación y Control Fito y Zoosanitario - AGROCALIDAD  Av. Eloy Alfaro y Amazonas, Edificio MAGAP, Piso 9, Quito, Ecuador  Tel.: (+593) 2 256 7232/254 3319/8751  Fax: (+593) 2 256 7232/254 3319/8751, Ext. 153  Email: direccion@agrocalidad.gob.ec  relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec |