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):** Plants or plant products |
| **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 amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants or Plant Products". **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/TPKM/18_0131_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Part B of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants or Plant Products" is revised as follows:   1. Paragraph 1 of Part B: 2. The scientific names of *Abelmoschus esculentus* and *Lens culnaris* in Subparagraph 10 were corrected; 3. *Serissa japonica*, a synonym of *Serissa foetida*, was added in Subparagraph 14; 4. The scientific name of coconut (*Cocus nucifera*) was added in Subparagraph 17 and 18; 5. The laboratory test before export was added in Subparagraph 23 as an optional quarantine measure to current requirements of the host plants or seeds for propagation from *Acidovorax avenae* subsp. *citrulli* infested area; 6. The scientific name of *Meloidogyne fujianensis* in Paragraph 10 of Part B was corrected. |
| **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 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 No. 24  **[ ]** **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:** The draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants or Plant Products" (Council of Agriculture Announcement, Nong Fang Zi No. 106149449A dated on 6 December 2017) can be found at: <http://www.coa.gov.tw/> (available in Chinese) |
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| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 5 March 2018  **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 Agriculture  9F, No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 10070, Taiwan  Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091  Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200  E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw |
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