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):** Fresh apples |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Italy |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Draft of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Fresh Apples from Italy". **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 10<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/TPKM/19_1797_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The draft regulates the quarantine requirements for the importation of Italy's fresh apple fruits. Fresh apple fruits from Italy shall be subject to a systems approach including registration of supplying orchards and packinghouses, pre-selection procedures, and export inspection. The fresh apple fruits would also have to be imported in commercial consignments, treated with in-transit cold treatment during sea transportation, and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the national plant protection organization of Italy declaring that the regulated measures addressed in this draft quarantine requirements are met. |
| **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 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 2 and 14**[ ]** **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 of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Fresh Apples from Italy", Nong Shou Fang Zi No. 1081493290A dated on 18 March 2019 can be found at: <http://www.coa.gov.tw/> (available in Chinese) |
| **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.**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 31 May 2019**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 Agriculture9F, No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 10070, TaiwanTel: +(886) 2 3343 2091Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw |
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