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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> 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): Stem (including rhizome) of <i>Anthurium</i> spp., <i>Philodendron</i> spp., <i>Monstera</i> spp.; and above-ground portion of <i>Anubias</i> spp., <i>Bucephalandra</i> spp., and <i>Cyperus</i> spp.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: The amendment of Subparagraph 3, Paragraph 1 of Part A of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants or Plant Products". Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/TPKM/21_6550_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The emergency phytosanitary measures for hosts of burrowing nematode and relevant regulated plant parts are amended to mitigate the biosecurity risk posed by burrowing nematodes. The stem (including rhizome) of <i>Anthurium</i> spp., <i>Philodendron</i> spp., <i>Monstera</i> spp. and above-ground portion of <i>Anubias</i> spp., <i>Bucephalandra</i> spp., and <i>Cyperus</i> spp. are added to the host list of burrowing nematodes.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The emergency measures aim to prevent the introduction of burrowing nematodes, which are associated with the abovementioned plants and relevant regulated plant parts. This decision is based on recent interceptions at the border of on above-mentioned stems and rhizome imported into the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, relevant scientific evidence and regulation of other countries.
9.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): IPPC Article 11 , ISPM No. 13</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><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>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants or Plant Products" (Council of Agriculture Announcement, Nong Shou Fang Zi No. 1101494969A dated 5 October 2021) can be found at: https://www.coa.gov.tw/theme_data.php?theme=publication&id=5615 (available in Chinese)</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 15 October 2021</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. 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, Council of Agriculture 9F, No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 100060, Taiwan Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091 Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200 E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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, Council of Agriculture 9F, No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 100060, Taiwan Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091 Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200 E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw</p>