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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture
3.	<b>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):</b> Plants, plant products and any other regulated articles
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> The draft amendment of the "Enforcement Rules on Plant Protection and Quarantine Act" <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese <b>Number of pages:</b> 12 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CHT/14_4904_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CHT/14_4904_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The main purpose of this amendment is to adjust the hierarchy of rules for some phytosanitary requirements in order to improve the regulatory framework of plant protection and quarantine. In this draft, five articles were added, 13 articles were revised, and eight articles were deleted. The deleted articles of this amendment were moved to "Plant Protection and Quarantine Act" (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and the relevant regulations authorized by the Act.  This draft moved the information required for initiating the pest risk assessment for plant or plant products that do not have historical trade record to the "Enforcement Rules on Plant Protection and Quarantine Act" from the current phytosanitary requirements. In addition, the draft clearly elucidated that the phytosanitary action will be taken for the pests that may cause damage and do not have occurrence record as described by ISPM No. 20.  The importation of the biological control agent which was regulated by "Agro-pesticides Management Act" and used for agricultural purposes, was exempted from the adoption of the paragraph 1 of Article 15 of the Act.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission</b> (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)</b> (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention</b> (e.g. ISPM number) ISPM 1, 2, 11, 20, 21 and 32.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The draft amendment of Enforcement Rules on Plant Protection and Quarantine Act (Council of Agriculture Announcement, Nong-Fang-Zi No. 1031493806 dated on 9 October 2014) can be found at: <a href="http://www.coa.gov.tw/">http://www.coa.gov.tw/</a> (available in Chinese).</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 January 2015</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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, 10070, Taiwan  Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091  Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200  E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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, 10070, Taiwan  Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091  Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200  E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw</p>