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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

- Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU,</u> <u>KINMEN AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
 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, preselection 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: <u>http://www.coa.gov.tw/</u> (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:

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