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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Plants and plant products / All of the world, especially Japan.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Revision of Enforcement Ordinance and Regulation of Plant Protection Act.
5.	Description of content: The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is revising Enforcement Ordinance and Regulation of Plant Protection Act in accordance with revised IPPC in November 1997. The contents are as follows: 1. Establishment of new definitions "Regulated pest" – a quarantine pest and/or a regulated non-quarantine pest, "Non-quarantine pest" – a pest excluding "Regulated pest" and "Interim regulated pest", "Regulated non-quarantine pest" – a non-quarantine pest of which presence in plants for planting affects the intended use of the plants causing an economically unacceptable impact and therefore which shall be regulated, "Interim regulated pest" – a pest which is firstly detected in inspection procedure of imported plants and plant products and/or which is being in the process of PRA and which is provisionally treated as "Regulated pest", 2. Revision of some import-prohibited plants and areas. Fresh vines, stems, leaves and fresh underground parts of <i>Ipomoea</i> spp., <i>Pharbitis</i> spp., <i>Calystegia</i> spp. and <i>Dioscorea</i> spp., and fresh underground parts of cassava shall not be imported from Japan (only southern parts below 30 degrees north latitude) - reason: <i>Cylas formicarius</i> (Fabricius), <i>Euscepes postfasciatus</i> (Fairmaire) Plants for planting (including nursery stocks, scions and cuttings etc.) of <i>Prunus</i> spp. and <i>Rubus</i> spp. shall not be imported from all of the world (excluding Japan and Taiwan) - reason: Plum pox virus, <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> (Burril) Winslowetal <i>Cedrus</i> spp. is newly included in the host plants of <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> (Steiner & Buhner) Nickle

6.	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 type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: In general, the document is aligned with the standards, guidelines or recommendations of IPPC.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The Official Gazette of the Government (Korean).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.
11.	Final date for comments: 20 June 1999 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Sustainable Agricultural Division, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry Joongang-dong, Kwachon-shi, Kyunggi-do, Republic of Korea Tel: 82-2-503-7284/5 Fax: 82-2-507-3963
12.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Bilateral Cooperation Division, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry Joongang-dong, Kwachon-shi, Kyunggi-do, Republic of Korea Tel: 82-2-503-7296/7 Fax: 82-2-507-2095