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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| 1. | Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency |
| 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): Geraniums (<i>Pelargonium spp.</i>) (060210 and 060290) |
| 4. | Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Kenya or countries exporting geraniums of Kenyan origin. |
| 5. | Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Directive D-02-02: Plant Protection Import Requirements for Rooted, or Unrooted Plants, Plant Parts, and Plants In Vitro for Planting (English, 13 pages; French, 15 pages) Plant Protection Act and Plant Protection Regulations (English, 30 pages; French, 31 pages) |
| 6. | Description of content: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has suspended importation of geraniums (<i>Pelargonium spp.</i>) from Kenya because of an outbreak of <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> Race III, biovar 2 in exporting Kenyan greenhouses. D-02-02 lists <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> Race III as a quarantine pest for Canada. |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests |
| 8. | Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has suspended importation of geraniums (<i>Pelargonium spp.</i>) from Kenya because of an outbreak of <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> Race III, biovar 2 in exporting Kenyan greenhouses. <i>R. solanacearum</i> is a serious plant pest, causing brown rot in potatoes and bacterial wilt in tomatoes. On 14 February 2003, the CFIA was advised of the presence of <i>R. solanacearum</i> Race III, biovar 2, on imported geraniums of Kenyan origin distributed in Canada. The CFIA has contained all shipments and is taking action to prevent the possible spread of this disease, including the suspension of importation of geraniums from Kenya. This measure will remain in place until appropriate risk mitigation measures are developed. In addition, CFIA is reviewing its Pest Risk Assessment for this disease to determine if further actions should be taken to prevent the spread of <i>R. solanacearum</i> Race III, biovar 2, from other countries where this disease is present. |

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| <p>9. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p> |
| <p>10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>(1) Directive D-02-02: Plant Protection Import Requirements For Rooted, Or Unrooted Plants, Plant Parts, And Plants In Vitro For Planting http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/d-02-02e.shtml (English) http://www.inspection.gc.ca/francais/plaveg/protect/dir/d-02-02f.shtml (French)</p> <p>(2) Plant Protection Act and Plant Protection Regulations http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/reg/rege.shtml (English) http://www.inspection.gc.ca/francais/reg/regf.shtml (French)</p> |
| <p>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 18 February 2003</p> |
| <p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:</p> |
| <p>13. 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:</p> |