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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Consumers Directorate-General
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): Wood packaging material used in the transport of specified commodities originating in China
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: China
5. Title of the notified document: "Commission Implementing Decision of 18 February 2013 on the supervision, plant health checks and measures to be taken on wood packaging material actually in use in the transport of specified commodities originating in China" Language(s): English Number of pages: 4 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/EEC/13_0953_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/EEC/13_0953_00_f.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/EEC/13_0953_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: Temporary emergency measures on increased plant health import checks at a minimum frequency and enforcement of wood packaging material (WPM) used to transport certain commodities to the EU originating in China. Plant health checks will check that EU import requirements for WPM are complied with.
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: Recent plant health checks by Member States have shown that wood packaging material used in the transport of certain commodities originating from China was infested by harmful organisms, in particular by <i>Anoplophora glabripennis</i> (Motschulsky) (ALB), particularly consignments of heavy material such as granite. Such situations have been linked to several local outbreaks of ALB that needed extensive eradication measures.

<p>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) ISPM No. 13 "Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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: More information on EU plant health regime for the control of harmful organisms within the European Union is available at the link indicated below: "http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/plant_health_biosafety/legislation/emergency_control_measures_en.htm" (available in English)</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 1 April 2013</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" 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>European Commission DG Health and Consumers, Unit G6-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 59922 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input checked="" 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>European Commission DG Health and Consumers, Unit G6-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 59922 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>