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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 type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> The amendment of Plant Protection and Quarantine Act <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese and English <b>Number of pages:</b> 8 and 12 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CHT/14_4099_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CHT/14_4099_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CHT/14_4099_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CHT/14_4099_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> One article was amended and 13 articles were revised. The revision regulates the local and central competent authorities on pest surveillance and pest control, and regulates the central competent authority to promulgate the regulated articles which are subject to plant quarantine and their import requirements, facilitating plant quarantine measures for the settlement of Free Trade Zones and paperless customs clearance. The main purpose of this amendment is to adjust the hierarchy of the law for some phytosanitary requirements in order to improve the regulatory framework of plant protection and quarantine.
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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) ISPM 1, 2, 19, 21 and 32 <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <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>	
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Plant Protection and Quarantine Act (Presidential Decree No. Hua-Zhong-Yi-Yi-Zi-10300092621 dated 18 June 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> 20 May 2014</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 18 June 2014</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): This amendment came into effect on 20 June 2014.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable. This amendment is to adjust the hierarchy of the law for some phytosanitary requirements and improve the regulatory framework of plant protection and quarantine.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input 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>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. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</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>