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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>SEYCHELLES</u></p> <p>If applicable, name of local government involved: National Biosecurity Agency - Plant Biosecurity Services</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: National Biosecurity Agency - Plant Biosecurity Services</p>
<p>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): Tomatoes Fresh - 0702.0000</p>
<p>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Turkey</p>
<p>5. Title of the notified document: Restrictions on importation of fresh tomatoes containing <i>Tomato Brown Rugose fruit virus</i> (Tobamovirus -ToBRFV). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/SYC/20_3139_00_e.pdf</p>
<p>6. Description of content: The notice relates to the decision taken in regard to <i>Tomato Brown Rugose fruit virus</i> (Tobamovirus - ToBRFV) which was reported in Turkey. Seychelles Biosecurity Agency has decided to implement measures to prevent the entry, establishment and spread of the virus in Seychelles.</p> <p>With immediate effect, all consignment of tomato entering Seychelles from Turkey shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Come from Green House production only.- Tested, declared and certified free from Tobamovirus - ToBRFV
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Urgent measures have been implemented to manage the phytosanitary risks associated with the introduction, establishment and spread of the tomato disease (Tomato Brown Rugose fruit virus (Tobamovirus -ToBRFV) from Turkey to Seychelles. The disease will have a negative impact on the local tomato production and other solanaceous crop both on the farms and in the environment.</p>

<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 number 1 - Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><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:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 1 April 2020</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 type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Trade Division Ministry of Finance, Trade and Economic Planning P.O.Box 313, Victoria, Mahe Republic of Seychelles E-mail: enquirywto@finance.gov.sc Website: www.seychellestradeportal.gov.sc</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Trade Division Ministry of Finance, Trade and Economic Planning P.O.Box 313, Victoria, Mahe Republic of Seychelles E-mail: enquirywto@finance.gov.sc Website: www.seychellestradeportal.gov.sc</p>