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Committee on Sanitary and
Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EL SALVADOR</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Dirección General de Sanidad Vegetal y Animal, Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería</i> (Directorate-General of Plant and Animal Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock)
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): Plant materials, fresh fruits, bulbs, rhizomes and flowers of host species of Thrips palmi (HS 06, 07 and 08)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Acuerdo Ejecutivo No. 121 en el Ramo de Agricultura y Ganadería. Medida de emergencia fitosanitaria. Adopción como medida de emergencia fitosanitaria la prohibición de la importación y el tránsito del material vegetativo, frutos frescos, bulbos, rizomas y flores de especies hospederas del insecto Thrips palmi</i> (Executive Decree No. 121 Concerning Agriculture and Livestock. Emergency phytosanitary measure. Adoption of emergency phytosanitary measure prohibiting the import and transit of plant materials, fresh fruits, bulbs, rhizomes and flowers of host species of Thrips palmi) (In Spanish, 2 pages).
6. Description of content: Adoption of emergency phytosanitary measure prohibiting the import and transit of plant materials, fresh fruits, bulbs, rhizomes and flowers of host species of Thrips palmi. Goods and transport originating in areas that are free of this type of insect will undergo fumigation treatment.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: The Thrips palmi insect is not present in El Salvador, yet according to a technical report by the Directorate-General of Plant and Animal Health, it has an extremely wide range of hosts and its introduction into the country would pose a significant risk in that it could cause considerable economic loss in domestic agricultural production, and the application of phytosanitary measures by countries free of this pest could seriously limit the country's export capacity.

9.	<p>International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <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>
10.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Diario Oficial</i> (Official Journal) No. 84, Volume 371, of 8 May 2006 (In Spanish).</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): Immediate entry into force.</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministerio de Economía, Dirección de Administración de Tratados Comerciales, Alameda Juan Pablo II y Calle Guadalupe, Plan Maestro San Salvador, El Salvador Tel.: (503) 2231 5788 Fax: (503) 2231 5789 Email: ezelada@minec.gob.sv</p> <p>or address, telephone and fax numbers, and email and web site addresses, where available, of other body:</p> <p>Dirección General de Sanidad Vegetal y Animal, Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería, Final 1ª. Avenida Norte y Avenida Manuel Gallardo, Santa Tecla, Departamento de La Libertad, El Salvador Tel.: (503) 2241-1748 Email: lvasquez@mag.gob.sv and rgonzalez@mag.gob.sv</p>