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CITRUS GREENING DISEASE (HUANGLONGBING, HLB)

COMMUNICATION FROM PARAGUAY

The following communication, dated 3 October 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Paraguay.

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1. Pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), Paraguay hereby notifies WTO Members that in connection with the declaration of a phytosanitary emergency with regard to citrus greening disease (HLB), *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* has been declared a QUARANTINE PEST PRESENT SUBJECT TO OFFICIAL CONTROL throughout the national territory in accordance with ISPM No. 8 "Determination of Pest Status in an Area" and ISPM No. 5 "Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms".
 2. The phytosanitary emergency was notified in document G/SPS/N/PRY/24 "Notification of Emergency Measures".
 3. The phytosanitary measures introduced to contain the spread of the pest are available at: <http://www.senave.gov.py/hlb.html>.
 4. Paraguay wishes to state that this communication is being made for the purposes of transparency within the framework of the SPS Agreement.
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