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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**MEASURES AIMED AT ESTABLISHING REGIONALIZATION CRITERIA
IN RELATION TO QUARANTINE PESTS FOR CHILE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHILE

The following communication, received on 6 January 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Chile.

1. Pursuant to Article 5, Article 6 and Annex A, paragraph 3(c), of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Chile hereby advises WTO Members that Exempt Resolution No. 2396/2018 has amended Resolution No. 3.080 of 2003 establishing regionalization criteria in relation to quarantine pests for Chile. The Exempt Resolution entered into force on 5 May 2018.
2. The amendment was made in view of the following:
 - i. The Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG), hereinafter referred to as either "the Service" or "SAG", is the national authority responsible for protecting the country's phytosanitary resources.
 - ii. Resolution No. 3.080 of 2003, mentioned in the citations, established regionalization criteria in relation to quarantine pests for Chile.
 - iii. As a Member signatory to the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Chile must ensure that its phytosanitary measures are in keeping with the regional characteristics of the areas from which plant products originate and for which they are destined.
 - iv. Article VII of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of 1997, to which Chile is a signatory, stipulates that the contracting parties are to establish and update lists of regulated pests, using scientific names, and make such lists available to the Secretary, to regional plant protection organizations of which they are members and, on request, to other contracting parties.
 - v. To this end, the Service conducts pest risk analyses and regularly updates Chile's list of quarantine pests and hosts of quarantine pests; these pests are covered by phytosanitary regulations whose requirements regulated articles have to meet, where applicable, in order to enter the country.
 - vi. The pest risk analyses conducted showed that the following pests, which are absent from Chile, qualify as quarantine pests due to their high introduction and economic impact potential for the country: *Azochis gripusalis*, *Pseudococcus maritimus*, Tomato Brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) and *Tribolium madens*.
 - vii. New articles for import from new origins have been regulated by specific sanitary measures based on the relevant pest risk analyses, which have identified the need for regulation of new quarantine pests and hosts of quarantine pests for both continental and insular Chile.

- viii. The presence of the pest *Oligonychus ununguis* has been reported in the country as a result of activities conducted under SAG's agricultural and forestry phytosanitary surveillance programme.

3. In light of the foregoing, the National Director of the Service has decided as follows:

- i. To amend SAG Resolution No. 3.080 of 2003 "establishing regionalization criteria in relation to quarantine pests for Chile" by:
- ii. Adding the following pest, alphabetically, with its respective hosts/regulated articles, to Article 20, under *COLEOPTERA*:

PEST	HOST/REGULATED ARTICLE
<i>Tribolium madens</i>	<i>Polyphagous: grains and other stored products</i>

- iii. Adding the following pest, alphabetically, with its respective hosts/regulated articles, to Article 20, under *HEMIPTERA*:

PEST	HOST/REGULATED ARTICLE
<i>Pseudococcus maritimus</i>	<i>Actinidia chinensis, Citrus spp., Malus domestica, Prunus avium, Prunus domestica, Prunus persica, Pyrus communis, Vitis spp.</i>

- iv. Adding the following pest, alphabetically, with its respective hosts/regulated articles, to Article 20, under *LEPIDOPTERA*:

PEST	HOST/REGULATED ARTICLE
<i>Azochis gripusalis</i>	<i>Ficus carica</i>

- v. Adding the following pest, alphabetically, with its respective hosts/regulated articles, to Article 20, under *VIRUSES AND VIROIDS*:

PEST	HOST/REGULATED ARTICLE
<i>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV)</i>	<i>Capsicum annum, Solanum lycopersicum</i>

- vi. Replacing the term *Scutellonema brachyurum* with *Scutellonema brachyurus* in Article 20, under *NEMATODES*.

- vii. Replacing the term "Grapevine red blotch-associated virus" with "Grapevine red blotch virus (synonym: Grapevine red blotch-associated virus)" in Article 20, under *VIRUSES AND VIROIDS*.

- viii. Removing the following pest and its respective hosts/regulated articles from Article 20, under *MITES*:

PEST	HOST/REGULATED ARTICLE
<i>Oligonychus ununguis</i>	<i>Coniferales, Castanea crenata, Quercus spp.</i>

4. The text of the Resolution may be requested by email from Chile's SPS contact point (sps.chile@sag.gob.cl).

5. Lastly, Chile wishes to state that this communication is being made for the purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the country's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.
