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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW)
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): Seeds and tubers
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No. (800) of 2015 on Regulating the: seeds and tubers Language(s): Arabic Number of pages: 3 http://www.moew.gov.ae/ar/laws-and-legislations/ministerial-decrees/general-ministerial-decrees.aspx
6.	Description of content: The Ministerial Decree "Seed and tuber registration" aims to ensure the management and the documentation of the varieties of imported and local seed. Imports of these seeds will be prohibited unless it is registered in accordance with the requirements described in the Ministerial Decree. Also, circulation of produced local seeds will not be allowed unless it is registered in accordance with the requirements described in the Ministerial Decree. The release of the consignment of seeds will not take place unless it is accompanied by a germination and purity certificate issued from a laboratory accredited to the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) or from a government laboratory or from an accredited laboratory certified by the competent authority in the country of origin.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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 type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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 type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) ISPM 20:2004, Section 1.1: The Phytosanitary regulations should specify the Phytosanitary measures with which imported consignments of plants, plant products and other regulated articles should comply. These Phytosanitary measures may be general, applying to all types of commodities, or the measures may be specific, applying to specified commodities from a particular origin.

<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>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): After three months of publication.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 29 November 2015</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 29 February 2016</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>Eng. Sumaya Abdul Rahim Al Rais Head of Notification and Inquiry Section Ministry of Environment and Water P.O. Box 1509 United Arab Emirates - Dubai Tel: +(971 4) 214 8414 Fax: +(971 4) 265 5822 Mobile: +(971 50) 450 0606 E-mail: saalrais@moew.gov.ae uaesps@moew.gov.ae Website: http://www.moew.gov.ae</p>
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