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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>COSTA RICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería, Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado, SFE</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, State Phytosanitary Service)
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): Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS chapter 7); Potatoes, fresh or chilled (HS heading 0701).
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Russia, Japan, Canada, Mexico, the United States, and Australia.
5.	Title of the notified document: <i>Resolución N° 11-2014 Dirección - Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado. Suspender temporalmente la importación de papa (<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>), cuya procedencia sea de los siguientes países: Japón, Rusia, Canadá, México, Estados Unidos y Australia, debido a la presencia de la plaga conocida phytoplasma del marchitamiento de la punta morada de la papa</i> (Resolution No. 11-2014 of the State Phytosanitary Service Directorate temporarily suspending the importation of potatoes (<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>) from Japan, Russia, Canada, Mexico, the United States, and Australia, due to the presence of the pest "potato purple-top wilt phytoplasma") Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 4 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CRI/14_4372_00_s.pdf
6.	Description of content: Precautionary measure relating to "potato purple-top wilt phytoplasma", the causal agent of which is a phytoplasma present in Japan, Russia, Canada, Mexico, the United States, and Australia. "Potato purple-top wilt phytoplasma" presents a risk in terms of production, marketing, consumption and international trade.
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.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: Costa Rica is predominantly agricultural. The entry of the notified pest would therefore cause considerable economic and social damage to the production sector and affect the level of protection. The country has therefore decided to temporarily suspend the importation of potatoes from Russia, Japan, Canada, Mexico, the United States, and Australia, until the pest risk analysis has been completed, so as to prevent this pest from entering the country.

<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 Organisation 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) Article VI of the International Plant Protection Convention; ISPM No. 20: Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system; ISPM No. 11: Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests, 2013.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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: Potato purple-top wilt phytoplasma. EPPO quarantine pest (in English)</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): Immediately.</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 email address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería Servicio Fitosanitario del Estado (SFE) Centro de Información y Notificación MSF Apartado Postal 1521 - 1200 San José, Costa Rica Tel.: +(506) 2549 3454 Fax: +(506) 2549 3598 Email: puntocontactoMSF@sfe.go.cr</p>