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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 6 May 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Union.

Emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.)

On the basis of the Scientific Opinion of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), published in January 2015, and the findings of the audits carried out in the affected area, in Southern Italy, by the Commission's Food and Veterinary Office in 2014, the Commission has reinforced the current EU emergency measures to prevent further introduction into and spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.).

On 28 April 2015, the Standing Committee of the European Union (EU) on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed – Section Plant Health – delivered a favourable opinion on the above mentioned measures. The new EU Decision will be officially adopted by the Commission by the end of May 2015, and its entry into force will be officially notified to the WTO.

Therefore, Commission Implementing Decision 2014/497/EU as regards measures to prevent the introduction and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Well and Raju), notified in G/SPS/N/EU/94 on 29 July 2014, will soon be repealed by a new Commission Implementing Decision on *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.).

In particular, the new EU Decision foresees strengthened conditions for import and movement within the EU of specified plants (Annex I) known to be susceptible to *Xylella Fastidiosa* (Wells et al.). The list of regulated plants has been expanded to 160 species and 27 genera. All trading partners are affected by the EU Decision.

Prior to the introduction into the EU of the specified plants (Annex I) originating in a third country where *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.) is not present, the national plant protection organisation of the third country concerned has to communicate in writing to the European Commission that *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.) is not present in its country (Article 16).

In case of introduction into the EU of specified plants originating in a third country where *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.) is known to be present, the national plant protection organisation of the third country concerned has to communicate, prior to the introduction, in writing to the European Commission the name of the Pest Free Area (Article 17.2) or, where this applies, the list of production sites (Article 17.3) authorised for the export within an infected area.

Furthermore, considering the numerous plants for planting of *Coffea* originating in Costa Rica and in Honduras intercepted in the EU since October 2014, with the presence of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.), the introduction into the EU of plants for planting of *Coffea*, other than seeds, originating in these two countries is prohibited.

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/EEC/15_1899_01_e.pdf
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This addendum concerns a:

- ☐ Modification of final date for comments
- ☒ Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified regulation
- ☐ Withdrawal of regulation
- ☐ Change in period of application of measure
- ☒ Other: Repealing of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/497/EU as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Well and Raju) by a new EU Decision with strengthened measures.

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