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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
3.	<b>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):</b> Zea mays (maize) seeds and grains
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Emergency Phytosanitary measures to address the risk of introduction of Maize Lethal Necrosis on imports of Maize Seeds and Grains from all trading partners <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 5 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/ZAF/15_3250_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/ZAF/15_3250_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa is implementing measures to manage the risk of introduction and spread of Maize Chlorotic Mottle Virus and Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus that in combination cause Maize Lethal Necrosis. Introduction of Emergency Phytosanitary measures for imports of Maize Seeds and Grains from all trading partners due to the identified quarantine risk of introducing Maize Lethal Necrosis with imported Maize Seeds and Grains. Exporting countries should declare country free from Maize Chlorotic Mottle Virus and Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus OR the parent plants were inspected during active growth and found free from these pests.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> This is a phytosanitary measure following the outbreak and spread of Maize Lethal Necrosis in several countries. The disease is not present in South Africa and the listed pests are of quarantine importance. Existing phytosanitary import requirements for Maize Seeds and Grains have been updated through a Pest Risk Analysis.
9.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <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)

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</b> IPPC, Article 7, ISPM No. 2, ISPM No. 11, and ISPM No. 20</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 20 August 2015</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. 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:</b></p> <p>Directorate Plant Health Department of Agriculture, Forestry &amp; Fisheries, Private Bag X14, Gezina 0031, Pretoria, South Africa Fax: +(27 12) 319 6101/6193 E-mail: nppoza@daff.gov.za</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: <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:</b></p> <p>Directorate Plant Health Department of Agriculture, Forestry &amp; Fisheries, Private Bag X14, Gezina 0031, Pretoria, South Africa Fax: +(27 12) 319 6101/6193 E-mail: nppoza@daff.gov.za</p>