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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: NPPOZA Directorate Inspection services
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): Table grapes
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: An electronic system for phytosanitary certificate issuance, eCertification. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/ZAF/19_6322_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: South Africa developed an electronic system for export certification (eCertification). The issuance of ePhytos started on 1 November 2019. The eCertification system further required introduction of new template of the paper based phytosanitary certificate. Trading partners that have ability to receive ePhytos that South Africa will be delivering, may receive them via the IPPC hub in an XML format or direct (where bilaterally agreed). This is phase 1 of the migration to the new phytosanitary certificate template and ePhyto, which started with grapes in November 2019 and will be followed by Citrus in March 2020 and the rest of plant commodities in April 2020. Members are advised to take note that currently there are two phytosanitary certificate templates in circulation until end of March 2020. The following are features for the new phytosanitary certificate template for South Africa: 1. The paper format has additional security features embedded in the document that can be viewed under ultra violet light; 2. The paper format has two numbers: – one at the top right-hand corner: a barcode which is the document number; – a second barcode and QR code as an added security feature. The phytosanitary certificate number appears between the QR and the barcode. This is the number to be used on any communication in relation to issued phytosanitary certificate. The new phytosanitary certificate number starts with "NPPO-ZA/yyyy/mm/number"; 3. The ephyto will only contain the new phytosanitary certificate number.
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.	<p>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 Organization 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): ISPM 12</p> <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>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 November 2019</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 November 2019</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 November 2019</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 January 2020</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>NPPOZA Directorate Inspection Services E-mail: PhindileN@daff.gov.za PhilileL@daff.gov.za Website: http://www.daff.gov.za</p>
13.	<p>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:</p> <p>NPPOZA Directorate Inspection Services E-mail: PhilileL@daff.gov.za PhindileN@daff.gov.z Website: http://www.daff.gov.za</p>