GROUP 3(c) - BASIC DOCUMENTATION

Inventory of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulations Notified

Addendum

NIGERIA
Product: Vegetables, fresh or chilled (07.01)

Country or group maintaining measures: Nigeria
Countries indicating an interest: Canada

(a) Description:

Health and sanitary measure for onions

Phytosanitary certificate against smut is required.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

The Inter African Phytosanitary Commission (I.A.P.S.C.) in their memorandum for phytosanitary procedure in Africa, recommended that while importing Allium sp. (leek, onion, garlic, shallots and chives) the following principal diseases, as yet, unknown in West Africa, should be avoided:

(i) Onion smut caused by Urocystis cepulae frost
(ii) White rot caused by Sclerotium cepivorum Berk
(iii) Yellow dwarf virus Bigarrure jaune
(iv) Mosaic virus.

Onion smut is known to occur in Morocco (the only country where it exists in Africa), India, Japan, USSR, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Northern Ireland, Poland, Romania, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Canada, United States and Peru.

Onion smut is a devastating disease and we wish to ensure that we do not introduce it from countries where it is known to occur.