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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 11 June 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Republic of Korea.

Measures to prevent Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (ToBRFV) from entering and spread within the Republic of Korea

The Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA), Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) in the Republic of Korea, has added distributed countries (regions) of Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (ToBRFV), as a one of the quarantine pests of Korea, which is based on the result of Pest Risk Analysis (PRA).

The below four countries (regions) have been added as ToBRFV distributed countries (regions) and the import of seeds for sowing and seedlings (such as nursery/root stocks, cuttings and scions) of *Capsicum* spp. and *Solanum lycopersicum* from ToBRFV distributed countries (regions) will need to meet certain conditions for import to Korea (see Attachment 1 for details).

- Four countries (regions) are added to ToBRFV distributed countries (regions): India (Regions: Karnataka, Maharashtra), China (Region: Liaoning), Peru

Full information about the plants, countries (regions) and additional requirements related to Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (ToBRFV) is available in Attachment 1 (available in English).

This measure will be applied on consignment shipped on and after 15 August 2024.

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KOR/24_03685_00_e.pdf
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This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other: Amendment of ToBRFV distributed countries (regions).

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

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(*dd/mm/yy*): 18 August 2024

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[Attachment 1]

Additional requirements related to Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (ToBRFV)

Products covered

- Seeds for sowing and Seedlings (such as nursery-root stocks, cuttings and scions) of (1) *Capsicum* spp. (2) *Solanum lycopersicum* syn. *Lycopersicon esculentum*

Regions or Countries covered (40): where ToBRFV has distributed

- Asia (11): China (Region: Shandong, Yunnan, Ningxia Hui, Shaanxi, Beijing, Lianoning), India (Region: Karnataka, Maharashtra), Iran, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Türkiye, Uzbekistan
- Europe (23): Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Netherland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom (Region: England)
- America (5): Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Peru, United States (Region: States of Florida)
- Africa (1): Morocco

Requirement of the imports from ToBRFV distributed regions or countries

- **(Seeds for Sowing)** Exports will need to satisfy the conditions of either (1) or (2):

- (1) By certifying that the exports has been produced at the regions free of Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (ToBRFV) in the distributed country. Each consignment must be accompanied by Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with the following additional declaration:

“ The [insert botanical name(s) (Genus species)] seeds have been sourced from a ‘pest free area’ (or ‘pest free place of production’) free from ToBRFV, established and managed according to ISPM 4 (or ISPM 10.)”

- (2) By certifying that the exports are free from Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (ToBRFV) through PCR test before export.

- Quantity of seeds for PCR test: Over 4,600 seeds are needed. Sub-sample should be under 400 seeds. In the case of small quantities of consignment (under 46,000 seeds), the test sample should be at least 10% of the consignment’s quantity.

Each consignment must be accompanied by Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with the following additional declaration:

“ The seeds were tested by PCR before export and found free from ToBRFV(Tomato brown rugose fruit virus)”

Or each consignment should be accompanied by the Phytosanitary Certificate and a separate “PCR Inspection Certificate (see attachment 2)

○ **(Seedlings such as nursery root stocks, cuttings and scions (except seeds for sowing))**

Exports will need to satisfy the conditions of either (1) or (2):

- (1) By certifying that the exports has been produced at the regions free from Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (ToBRFV) in the distributed country. Each consignment must be accompanied by the Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with the following additional declaration:

“ The [insert botanical name(s) (Genus species)] seedlings have been sourced from a ‘pest free area’ (or ‘pest free place of production’) free from ToBRFV, established and managed according to ISPM 4 (or ISPM 10.)”

- (2) By certifying that the exports were produced with seeds uninfected by ToBRFV (through PCR test), and has been found free from ToBRFV during active growing period through visual inspection and PCR test.

Each consignment must be accompanied by Phytosanitary Certificate endorsed with following additional declaration:

“ The plants[botanical name(s) (Genus species)] were produced from seeds uninfected with ToBRFV (Tomato brown rugose fruit virus), and free from ToBRFV as a result of visual inspection and PCR test”

Or each consignment should be accompanied by the Phytosanitary Certificate and a separate “PCR Inspection Certificate (see attachment 2)”

PCR test results from public testing agencies and labs authorized by the NPPO (educational organizations, commercial testing or seed industry labs etc) can be accepted.

* Above PCR test means conventional RT-PCR or real-time RT-PCR test.

The date of application

- This measure regarding the added countries (regions) (underlined part) will be applied from date of shipment on and after August 15, 2024.

[Attachment 2]

PCR INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

Certificate No. _____

Name of Corporation :
Address of Corporation :
Phone number :
Authentication Number of NPPO :

We hereby certify that the seed described below were found to be free from ToBRFV(Tomato brown rugose fruit virus) according to PCR inspection before shipping.

Shipper : _____
Consignee : _____
Description of Goods : _____
Quantity : _____
Date of PCR inspection : _____

Attachment 1. A Copy of Authentication Certificate of NPPO

2. Electrophoresis Report of PCR inspection for ToBRFV

Date of Issue _____

Name of Issue _____(Signature)_____