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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>ECUADOR</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ecuadorian Agricultural Health Service (SESA)
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): Phytosanitary measures to ensure the phytosanitary quality of wood packaging used in international trade in products imported to Ecuador.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries that have trade relations with Ecuador.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Resolution 020, published in <i>Registro Oficial</i> (Official Journal) No. 297 of 22 June 2006. A standard setting forth the technical procedures for applying Resolution 012 on wood packaging used in international trade.
6. Description of content: Two stages are envisaged for implementing the standard. First stage: in June, SESA will inform all importers of the resolution through the press. As from 1 July, wood packaging entering Ecuador must be properly treated and sealed in accordance with IPPC No. 15, and exceptional cases of non-compliance will be notified to the NPPO of the exporting country, all information pertaining to the importation being provided by the Ecuadorian Customs Corporation (CAE). Where, due to non-compliance with the standard, non-treated goods packaging enters the country, the packaging will be re-embarked immediately and if any trace of pests are detected will be treated in accordance with the international technical recommendation. In the second stage, any packaging entering the country that falls short of international and national standards will be placed in the official custody of the CAE and SESA for re-embarkation, these measures affecting both the packaging and the product. Where SESA notifies the CIA and the Central Bank that the importer has failed to meet the costs for storage and re-embarkation and other technical and administrative costs, the CAE and the Central Bank will be asked to suspend all import and export formalities for the importer reported for non-compliance with the rules in force.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests

8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: IPPC No. 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: In Spanish, two pages.
10. Proposed date of adoption: 2 June 2006
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2006
12. Final date for comments: Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
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