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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>BULGARIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, National Plant Protection Service
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): Wood products and wood packaging materials.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Regulation Amending and Supplementing Regulation No.1 for Phytosanitary Control (7 pages, available in Bulgarian; translation in English is under preparation).
6. Description of content: Amendments of Regulation No.1 for Phytosanitary control in relation to its harmonization with Council Directive 2004/102 EC and the incorporation of the requirements of ISPM No.15. Wood packaging materials entering Bulgaria must be treated and certified in accordance with the standards established in the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No.15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <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: International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) standards ISPM No.15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Promulgated in State Gazette No.7 of 24 January 2006 (Bulgarian)
10. Proposed date of adoption:

11. Proposed date of entry into force: The Regulation Amending and Supplementing Regulation No.1 for Phytosanitary Control has entered into force on 24 January 2006 - the date of its publication.

The provisions of paragraph 4, item 1.1 of the Regulation Amending and Supplementing Regulation No.1 for Phytosanitary Control will enter into force on 1 June 2006.

12. Final date for comments: Not applicable.

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13. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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