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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

- 1. Notifying Member: MALAYSIA

  If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Plant Biosecurity Division, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry, Malaysia
- 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): Processed and dried for consumption soy bean (*Glycine max*), corn/maize grain (*Zea mays*), dried for consumption cocoa bean (*Theobroma cacao*), processed and dried for consumption coffee beans (*Coffea Arabica, Robusta coffee, Coffea liberica*), fresh/dried leaves tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum*), fresh/raw dried cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*), fresh orange and lime (*Citrus* spp.), fresh banana (*Musa* spp.), hay and straw for livestock feed (all grass species), fresh/raw or dry corn cob/skin cocoa/sago and other regulated articles, plants and plant products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **Title of the notified document:** New Import Requirements for Importation of Plants, Plant Products and Regulated Articles into Malaysia 2014 **Language(s):** English **Number of pages:** Multiple pages for each country. The documents may be accessed at: <a href="http://www.doa.gov.my/myimport">http://www.doa.gov.my/myimport</a>.
- 6. **Description of content:** Malaysia proposes to revise and implement new import requirements of plants, plant products and regulated articles into Malaysia following the gazette of Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Act 2011. This Act requires that the importation of any plant into Malaysia shall require an import license. The commodities would also have to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with additional declarations stating that appropriate treatment/measures have been applied prior to importation.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)
  - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)
  - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
  - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

Notice to stakeholders. Implementation of New Import Requirements for Importation of Plants, Plant Products and Regulated Articles into Malaysia 2014

The document (available in Malay language) may be accessed at: http://www.doa.gov.my/myimport

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 15 May 2014

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 15 April 2014

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2014
  - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 May 2014

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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