NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** ECUADOR**If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Agencia de Regulación y Control Fito y Zoosanitario*, AGROCALIDAD (Agency for Phytosanitary and Animal Health Regulation and Control) |
| **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):** *In vitro* blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*) plants for planting |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ] All trading partners****[X] Specific regions or countries:** United States of America |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Propuesta de requisitos fitosanitarios para la importación de plantas in vitro de arándano (Vaccinium corymbosum) para plantar originarias de Estados Unidos* (Draft phytosanitary requirements governing the importation of *in vitro*blueberry plants for planting originating in the United States of America) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 1Text available at: <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/ECU/21_3342_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified text establishes draft mandatory phytosanitary requirements governing the importation into Ecuador of *in vitro* blueberry plants for planting originating in the United States of America. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] 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 Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:****[X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM No.)*:** ISPM Nos. 2, 11 and 21**[ ] None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?****[X] 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:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Immediately.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Immediately. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Immediately.**[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)*:** 10 July 2021**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**Agencia de Regulación y Control Fito y Zoosanitario - AGROCALIDADPatricio Almeida GranjaAv. Interoceánica Km. 14 1/2, La Granja MAG, TumbacoTel.: (+593) 2237 2844Email: direccion@agrocalidad.gob.ec  relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec  agrocalidad.rrii@gmail.com  |
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