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):** Bell pepper (*Capsicum annuum*) seeds for sowing |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ] All trading partners**  **[X] Specific regions or countries:** Republic of Korea |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Propuesta de requisitos fitosanitarios para la importación de semillas de pimiento para la siembra originarias de Corea del Sur* (Draft phytosanitary requirements governing the importation into Ecuador of bell pepper seeds for sowing from the Republic of Korea) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 2  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/ECU/23_11719_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified draft text establishes the mandatory phytosanitary requirements governing the importation into Ecuador of bell pepper (*Capsicum annuum*) seeds for sowing from the Republic of Korea. |
| **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 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)*:** To be determined  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 30 December 2023  **[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)*:** 12 November 2023  **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 (AGROCALIDAD)  Patricio Almeida  Av. Interoceánica Km. 14 1/2, La Granja MAG, Tumbaco  Tel.: (+593) 2 237 2844  (+593) 2 256 7232, Ext. 118  Email: [direccion@agrocalidad.gob.ec](mailto:direccion@agrocalidad.gob.ec); [relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec](mailto:relaciones.internacionales@agrocalidad.gob.ec); [agrocalidad.rrii@gmail.com](mailto:agrocalidad.rrii@gmail.com) |
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