NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** ISRAEL  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Plant Protection and Inspection Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, State of Israel |
| **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):** Wheat (*Triticum* L.) for human consumption or animal feed |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[****]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Requirements for the import of wheat (*Triticium* L.) into the State of Israel from all sources.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1  [https://www.gov.il/en/Departments/publications/reports/wheat-import-requirements-260722](https://www.gov.il/en/Departments/publications/reports/wheat-import-requirements-260722" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Wider global sources for wheat imported to Israel have necessitated the revision of the import requirements for wheat grain. The revision is effective immediately. This measure is to prevent the entry of *Tilletia indica*, which was not specifically required until now in the import of wheat grain.  According to the revision, wheat grain consignments imported to Israel must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate, asserting compliance with the import requirements. Wheat grain should be imported from countries that are free from *Tilletia indica*, or otherwise the grains should originate from areas that are free from the fungus based on official surveys and with sampling and testing of consignments prior to export, according to standard procedures.  Revision of import requirements to prevent the entry of *Tilletia indica* into Israel and its region by way of imported wheat grain from countries where the fungus is present, in order to protect the cultivation of wheat and other host crops in the region. |
| **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)*:**  **[****X]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** The import requirements is consistent with principles of the ISPMs. ISPM 20: Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system.  **[****]** **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)*:** Effective immediately.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 2 August 2022 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Effective immediately on 2 August 2022 as a permanent import requirement for all consignments leaving port after the date of this notification.  **[****]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 30 September 2022  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:**  Plant Protection and Inspection Services (PPIS)  Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development  PO Box 78  Bet Dagan 50250  Israel  Tel: +(972) 3 968 1500  E-mail: [Ppis\_web@moag.gov.il](mailto:Ppis_web@moag.gov.il) |
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