NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Singapore  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Parks Board (NParks) |
| **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):**  HS Chapter 6 (Live Trees and Other Plants; Bulbs, Roots, and the Like; Cut Flowers and Ornamental Foliage),  HS Chapter 7 (Edible Vegetables and Certain Roots and Tubers), and  HS Chapter 8 (Edible Fruits and Nuts; Peel of Citrus Fruits or Melons) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]****All trading partners**  **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Plurinational State of, Bonaire, Brazil, Cayman Island, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guyana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Martin, Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, Suriname, Turks and Caicos Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of and the Virgin Islands. |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Revised Phytosanitary Requirements for the Import of Plants and Plant Products from South American Tropics.**Language(s):** english. **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** With reference to the pest risk analysis of *Microcyclus ulei* conducted by rubber growing member countries of the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC), which was later published by the FAO in 2011 as Book 1 in the Protection of South American Leaf Blight (SALB) of rubber in Asia and Pacific region, conclusion of the product risk assessment directs that the associated risk for the import of non-host materials from endemic countries ranged from negligible to low.  A pest risk analysis of SALB was also conducted in Singapore on plants and plant products imported from South American Tropics. The product risk assessment was based on the pest risk analysis on SALB adopted by APPPC in 2007. The assessed overall pest risk for SALB for Singapore is considered as negligible for host and non-host materials imported into Singapore.  Based on detection survey conducted in Singapore from 2005 until 2020, samples were submitted for laboratory testing and there was no reported detection of SALB from imported plants and plant products sourced from South American Tropics. Rubber leaf samples taken from rubber enclaves in Singapore also yielded negative results.  With an assessed negligible risk, *Microcyclus ulei* does not qualify as a regulated quarantine pest of Singapore. As such, there is no technical justification for Singapore to continue to impose the phytosanitary measures in line with SALB on imported plants and plant products originating from South American Tropics. In adherence to the WTO SPS Agreement and the International Plant Protection Convention, the revised requirements for imports from South American Tropics can be found here:  <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/services/plant-health-services/circulars> |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [****X]****plant protection, [****X]****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 Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[****X]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  ISPM 01, 02, 05, 07, 11, 12, 20, 23, 31, & 40  **[ ]****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)*:** 24 January 2022  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 24 January 2022 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 February 2022  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not Applicable.  **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:**  National Parks Board  Attn: Plant Science and Health Branch  6 Perahu Road  Singapore 718827  Republic of Singapore  Email: YAP\_Mei\_Lai@nparks.gov.sg |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  National Parks Board  Attn: Plant Science and Health Branch  6 Perahu Road  Singapore 718827  Republic of Singapore  Email: YAP\_Mei\_Lai@nparks.gov.sg |