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Addendum

The following communication, received on 5 January 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Union.

Measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV)

The European Union wishes to inform trade partners that the proposal notified in G/SPS/N/EU/407 (19 August 2020) will be amended to update the requirements for internal movements and import.

For practical reasons, seeds that have been harvested before 15 August 2020 cannot fulfil the requirement for their mother plants to be produced in a production site where the specified pest is known not to occur, on the basis of official inspections carried out at the appropriate time to detect the specified pest. Therefore, such seeds should be exempted from the condition under Article 7(1)(a) and from the requirement under point (a) (i) of Article 9(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1191.

The specified seeds originating from third countries should be tested using the sampling and testing methods as referred in the Annex of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1191. To take into account that some specified seeds may have been tested months before they are actually certified for export, it is proportionate from 1 April 2021 onwards to require carrying out of mandatory molecular testing, and give third countries time to adapt to this requirement.

A new addendum will be published as soon as the draft Commission Implementing Regulation is adopted and published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_0180_00_e.pdf

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