

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
3.	<b>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):</b> 080910 Apricot fruit (fresh) 080920 Cherry fruit (fresh) 080930 Peach and Nectarine fruit (fresh) 080940 Plum and Sloe fruit (fresh)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries that export or intend to export fresh fruit <i>Prunus</i> to Canada.
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Directive D-03-XX: Canadian Plant Protection Import Requirements for Fresh Fruit of <i>Prunus</i> (English, 27 pages; French, 29 pages)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This directive provides the general policy for importation of the fresh fruit of <i>Prunus</i> spp., summarises the phytosanitary documentation requirements for <i>Prunus</i> from various countries, and provides the protocol for obtaining approval to import from a new source country.  Countries exporting fresh fruit of <i>Prunus</i> to Canada are subject to prior approval and a Pest Risk Assessment (PRA) by the CFIA. Importation of <i>Prunus</i> from new countries of origin is prohibited until a PRA has been carried out and pest mitigation measures, if required, have been developed by country of origin and approved by CFIA.  Countries currently authorised to export to fresh fruit of <i>Prunus</i> to Canada are listed in Appendix 3 of the Directive. Those exporting countries whose status is listed as "Under Review" are required to submit information to the CFIA describing one of the three certification options which meet the requirements of this directive. This must be received by the CFIA by 31 January 2004, in order to allow sufficient time for review, final approval by the CFIA and implementation of the protocols by the exporting country. These exporting countries (listed in Appendix 3) may continue to export under present requirements, subject to inspection in Canada, pending the delivery of the required information to the CFIA by 31 January 2004. Information or certification protocols not provided to the CFIA by 31 January 2004 will result in the suspension of importations from that country. Directive D-03-XX: Canadian Plant Protection Import Requirements for Fresh Fruit of <i>Prunus</i> will be updated as certification programs are approved under these new requirements.

<p><b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests</p>
<p><b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None  <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>Plant Protection Act (1990, c. 22)  (English: <a href="http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/p-14.8/text.html">http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/p-14.8/text.html</a>)  Plant Protection Regulations (SOR/95-212)  (English: <a href="http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/p-14.8/sor-95-212/text.html">http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/p-14.8/sor-95-212/text.html</a>)  ISPM No. 4, <i>Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas</i>  ISPM No. 10, <i>Requirements for the Establishment of Pest Free Places of Production and Pest Free Production Sites</i></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 October 2003</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 October 2003</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> 1 October 2003</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Standards Council of Canada  270 Albert Street, Suite 200  Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6N7  Telephone: + (1613) 238 3222  Telefax: + (1613) 569 7808  E-mail/Internet: <a href="mailto:info@scc.ca">info@scc.ca</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.scc.ca">http://www.scc.ca</a></p>