

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: State General Administration for Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Seedling pineapple, banana and other host plants of burrowing nematode Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: The Republic of the Philippines
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Notice of taking an emergency interim quarantine measure to seedling pineapple, seedling banana etc. originating in the Philippines (2 pages)
5.	Description of content: AQSIQ local authorities have intercepted a dangerous pest, burrowing nematode [<i>Radopholus similis</i> (Cobb) Thorne], in seedling pineapple (guzmania) originating in the Philippines. Burrowing nematode is a destructive parasite nematode, harmful mainly to banana, pepper, pineapple et al., and it has more than 200 kinds of host plants. This nematode has not occurred in China, and was listed as an A1 quarantine pest. In order to prevent burrowing nematode from introducing into China, and to protect the agriculture and forestry, an emergency interim phytosanitary measure shall be taken to suspend the importation of seedling pineapple, banana and other host plants of burrowing nematode originating in the Philippines.
6.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): An emergency measure to prevent burrowing nematode [<i>Radopholus similis</i> (Cobb) Thorne] from entering into China.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Gazette of Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation and/or Gazette of State General Administration for Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine (Available in Chinese)

10. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 19 February 2002, duration to be decided.

11. Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:
[] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: