

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EL SALVADOR</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Directorate-General of Plant and Animal Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Coconut palms and host grasses of the vector of the disease
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Emergency Phytosanitary Measures to Prevent the Introduction of "Lethal Yellowing of Coconut" into El Salvador (2 pages)
5.	Description of content: The document establishes a ban on imports of coconuts, propagative material and manufacturing material of coconut from countries in which the disease "Lethal Yellowing of Coconut" is present. The ban also applies to host grasses of the vector of the disease coming from the same countries.
6.	Objective and rationale: Phytosanitary protection
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): The presence of "Lethal Yellowing of Coconut" has been detected in countries that export to El Salvador, where the disease does not exist
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Executive Decree No. 276, Agriculture and Livestock Area, of 20 August 1996, published in the Official Journal No. 154, Volume 332, of 21 August 1996, and in the periodical "El Diario de Hoy" of 23 August 1996. (Spanish)
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 21 August 1996
11.	Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Directorate-General of Plant and Animal Health, Cantón El Matizano de Soyapango, San Salvador, El Salvador. Tel. (503) 227-3924 and Fax. (503) 227-2594.