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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency
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). Propagative and non-propagative material of Oak (<i>Quercus</i> spp.), Tanoak (<i>Lithocarpus</i> spp.), Rhododendrons (<i>Rhododendron</i> spp.), Huckleberry (<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>) and soil Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Germany, Netherlands, 7 counties in the State of California of the United States of America.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Interim Phytosanitary Requirements to Prevent the Entry of Sudden Oak Death (<i>Phytophthora</i> spp.) from the Netherlands, Germany and the State of California, United States. D-01-01 (10 pages)
5.	Description of content: This directive prohibits the import of propagative and unmanufactured non-propagative material of <i>Quercus</i> , <i>Lithocarpus</i> , <i>Rhododendron</i> spp. and <i>Vaccinium ovatum</i> and of soil from areas where sudden oak death occurs, to prevent the entry into Canada of this potentially injurious pest.
6.	Objective and rationale: <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
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): Recent reports of sudden death of oak and tanoak trees in California, caused by an undescribed species of <i>Phytophthora</i> , and further investigation identified the risk of spreading sudden oak death via propagative and non-propagative material. Due to this information, Canada has taken the measure at this time to suspend importation of all host material from infested areas.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . 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: Canadian Food Inspection Agency Plant Protection Policy Directive D-01-01 (Available in English and French)
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): Immediate
11.	Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: