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- TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN -

**SUBJECT: Import of plants, plant products and other regulated objects into the Republic of Croatia - notice**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Concerning the amendments of national legislation which regulates import of plants, plant products and other regulated objects, we would like to inform you as follows:

Import of plants, plant products and other regulated objects into the Republic of Croatia is regulated by the *Ordinance on measures against the introduction and spread of organisms harmful to plants, plant products and other regulated objects, and measures to control these organisms* (Official Gazette, No 74/06, 84/10 and 120/11), which is in line with EU Council Directive 2000/29/EC, or by provisions of the following harmonized pieces of legislation:

- Ordinance on the measures to prevent the introduction and dissemination of the pine wood nematode *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* (Steiner et Buhrer) Nickle et al. (Official Gazette No 108/10) harmonized with Commission Decision 2006/133/EC, 2008/340/EC, 2008/378/EC, 2008/684/EC, 2008/790/EC, 2008/954/EC, 2009/420/EC, 2009/993/EU;
- Ordinance on measures to prevent the introduction and the spread of Oriental chestnut gall wasp - *Dryocosmus kuriphilus* Yasumatsu (Official Gazette No 124/08) harmonized with Commission Decision 2006/464/EC;
- Ordinance establishing measures to prevent the introduction and the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum* Werres, De Cock & Man in 'T veld. sp. nov. (Official Gazette No 64/08) harmonized with Commission Decision 2002/757/EC, 2004/426/EC and 2007/201/EC;

- Ordinance on measures to prevent the introduction and the spread of Red Palm Weevil - *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Olivier) (Official Gazette No 35/09 and 103/11) harmonized with Commission Decision 2007/365/EC, 2008/776/EC and 2010/467/EU;
- Ordinance on measures to prevent the introduction and the spread of a causative agent of potato spindle tuber disease – Potato spindle tuber viroid (Official Gazette No 38/09) harmonized with Commission Decision 2007/410/EC;
- Ordinance on measures to prevent the introduction and the spread of the fungus *Gibberella circinata* Nirenberg & O'Donnell (Official Gazette No 55/09) harmonized with Commission Decision 2007/433/EC;
- Order on measures to prevent the introduction and the spread of Pepino mosaic virus (Official Gazette No 46/11) harmonized with the Commission Decision 2004/200/EC;
- Ordinance on measures to prevent the introduction and the spread of harmful organism – *Anoplophora chinensis* (Forster) (Official Gazette No 59/10 and 62/11) harmonized with Commission Decision 2008/840/EC;
- Order on measures against the introduction and dissemination of the harmful organism – *Thrips palmi* Karny as regards Thailand (Official Gazette No 55/09) harmonized with Commission Decision 98/109/EC.

We would like to emphasize that, for the purpose of more transparent application of the provisions of the *Ordinance on measures against the introduction and spread of organisms harmful to plants, plant products and other regulated objects, and measures to control these organisms* which refer to Additional declaration in the phytosanitary certificate, we made amendments of the mentioned provisions which entered into force in October 2011. This implies that for certain plants, plant products and other regulated objects **Additional declaration in the phytosanitary certificate must be filled in if required by Annex IV, Part A, Section I or Annex IV, Part B** of the said Ordinance.

Based on the above mentioned, in the interest of easier orientation, enclosed you may find the English translation of the amended Articles of the mentioned Ordinance.

We hope this notice will mitigate the trade of susceptible plants being imported into the Republic of Croatia and decrease number of disputes at border crossings.

Sincerely,


  
**Head of Directorate**  
**Miljenko Rakić**

# THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to Article 7 paragraph 3, Article 8 paragraph 2, Article 10 paragraph 4, Article 11 paragraph 5, Article 34 paragraphs 9 and 10, Article 38 paragraph 3, Article 39 paragraphs 3, 7 and 8, Article 41 paragraph 3, Article 45 paragraph 2, Article 46 paragraph 4 and Article 47 paragraph 5 of the Plant Health Act (Official Gazette 75/05 and 55/11), the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development issues the

## ORDINANCE

### ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE ON MEASURES AGAINST THE INTRODUCTION AND SPREAD OF ORGANISMS HARMFUL TO PLANTS, PLANT PRODUCTS AND OTHER REGULATED OBJECTS, AND MEASURES TO CONTROL THESE ORGANISMS

#### Article 1

In the Ordinance on measures against the introduction and spread of organisms harmful to plants, plant products and other regulated objects, and measures to control these organisms (Official Gazette 74/06 and 84/10), in Article 6 paragraph 1, the second item is replaced by the following items 2 and 3:

„2. In cases where plants, plant products or other regulated objects must also comply with certain special phytosanitary requirements prescribed by Annex IV, Part A, Section I or by Annex IV Part B, which is an integral part of this Ordinance, while within individual item in Annex IV, Part A, Section I or Annex IV, Part B there is a possibility to choose between two or more special phytosanitary requirements, it must be clearly stated, under the rubric „Additional declaration“, which of the special requirements has been complied with. The mentioned statement must be entered in phytosanitary certificate in the form of numerical or letter code of one or more special phytosanitary requirements listed in Annex IV, for which the phytosanitary certificate confirms that they have been complied with or, in cases where this is explicitly laid down, by stating a certain fact or text under the rubric „Additional declaration“ or under some other rubric. Proper reference to certain special phytosanitary requirement which has been complied with includes stating the related code or reference to relevant list, part, section, subsection, item, heading and subparagraph of Annex IV and numerical code, or the title of the relevant regulation of the Republic of Croatia within the field of plant health or the regulation of the European Union.

3. In cases where special phytosanitary requirements are prescribed by specific regulations which refer only to certain harmful organisms, phytosanitary certificate must be issued in accordance with the provisions of those regulations.“

## Article 2

In Article 9, after paragraph 1, the following paragraph 2 is added:

„(2) Provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article shall apply in an equivalent way also in cases where general or special phytosanitary requirements are prescribed by another special regulations which refer only to some harmful organisms, to those listed in Annexes I and II to this Ordinance, as those regulated only by those special regulations.“

## Article 3

This Ordinance contains provisions that are in accordance with the following acts of the European Union:

- Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community as amended (OJ L 169, 10.7.2000).

## *Entry into force*

## Article 4

This Ordinance shall enter into force on the eighth day after the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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**The Vice-president of the Government of the  
Republic of Croatia and Minister of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Rural Development**

**Petar Čobanković, m.p.**

