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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>SRILANKA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture
3.	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): Wood packaging material
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: The Draft Regulation to be made under the Plant Protection Act No. 35 of 1999 concerning wood packaging materials Language: English Number of pages: 6
6.	Description of content: Draft regulations to be implemented by Sri Lanka on the export and import of wood packaging material. Authorization is provided to register the producers and treatment providers of wood packaging material exported from the country, to grant the official mark as per the ISPM No.15, to audit the procedures and the treatment providers etc.
7.	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.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>) ISPM 15 <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Available only in English
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 8 March 2010 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 8 March 2010
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 December 2009 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Director General of Agriculture Department of Agriculture Old Galaha Road Peradeniya, Sri Lanka Tel: +(94 81) 238 6484 Fax: +(94 81) 238 8333 E-mail: dgagriculture@gmail.com Director (Seed Certification and Plant Protection) Seed Certification and Plant Protection Centre P O Box 49 Gannoruwa Peradeniya, Sri Lanka Tel: +(94 81) 238 8044 Fax: +(94 81) 238 8077 E-mail: scppc@slt.net.lk
13.	Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: http://www.agridept.gov.lk > Home page > Institutes/centres > National Plant Quarantine > Service (NPQS) > Act > Regulation to be made under the plant Protection Act No.35 of 1999 concerning the wood packaging materials. Deputy Director General Public Health Services I Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition "Suwasiripaya" No.385, Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha Colombo - 10, Sri Lanka Tel: +(94 11) 267 4682 Fax: +(94 11) 269 0035 E - mail: codexlanka@health.gov.lk dtcs@health.gov.lk