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Report Highlights:

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Executive Summary

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The trade impact of this draft standard remains unclear.

BEGIN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION

AQSIQ Phytosanitary Requirements for Importing Host Plants from Sudden Oak Death Occurring Countries (Draft for Comments)

Phytophthora ramorum, Sudden Oak Death (SOD) is a newly detected destructive fungi disease damaging forest and ornamental plants. This disease can cause mass death of host plants within a short period of time. This disease doesn't occur in China and is a prohibited quarantine pest prescribed by regulations in China. Based on pest risk analyses, in order to prevent SOD from introduction, to protect the production of forest and flowers, and to ensure the security of the ecological environment in China, AQSIQ establishes the Phytosanitary Requirements of Importing Host Plants from Sudden Oak Death Occurring Countries as follows:

1. This phytosanitary requirement is applicable to those countries with the host plants to be exported to China and with SOD occurring, such as Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom, Belgium, France, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Ireland, Slovenia, Finland, Switzerland, Norway, Lithuanian, USA (only California and Oregon), etc. The List of SOD Host Plants is in the Attachment, which will be adjusted dynamically based on the SOD occurring situation.

2. The host plants (except for seeds, fruits and seedlings in tissue culture vases) to be exported to China should come from growing nursery without SOD occurrence. The exporting country inspection and quarantine authority should survey and monitor the growing nursery, manage by registering and recording and provide a list of registered growing nurseries according to the requirements to AQSIQ.

3. Before exporting, the exporting country inspection and quarantine authority should do a laboratory test for SOD pathogens to ensure the host plants do not carry this pathogen. The planting media attached to the host plants to be exported to China should be treated, such as with high temperature disinfection, etc.

4. For the host plants according to the requirements, the exporting country's inspection and quarantine authority should issue a Phytosanitary Certificate and note in the Additional Declaration that "The plants in this shipment originate in (name of registered nursery) that is free of *Phytophthora ramorum*, and have been tested and found free of *Phytophthora ramorum* prior to export.

5. When necessary, AQSIQ will send experts to a SOD occurring country to see about the disease occurrence and control situation of growing nurseries of host plants to be exported to China so as to assess the phytosanitary measures taken for the SOD pathogen.

6. When host plants arrive in entry ports of China, China Inspection and Quarantine Services will do the laboratory test aimed at the SOD pathogen. If the SOD pathogen is detected, the related host plants will be returned, destroyed or further imports will be suspended.

This Phytosanitary Requirement will bring into effect on October 15, 2008.

August, 2008

ATTACHMENT

List of Host Plants of Sudden Oak Death

1. *Abies*
2. *Acer*
3. *Adiantum*
4. *Aesculus*
5. *Arbutus*
6. *Arctostaphylos*
7. *Ardisia*
8. *Berberis*
9. *Calluna*
10. *Calycanthus*
11. *Camellia*
12. *Castanea*
13. *Castanopsis*
14. *Cercis*
15. *Ceanothus*
16. *Cinnamomum*
17. *Clintonia*
18. *Cornus*
19. *Corylopsis*
20. *Corylus*
21. *Distylium*
22. *Drimys*
23. *Dryopteris*
24. *Eucalyptus*
25. *Euonymus*
26. *Fagus*
27. *Fraxinus*
28. *Garrya*
29. *Gaultheria*
30. *Griselinia*
31. *Hamamelis*
32. *Heteromeles*
33. *Ilex*
34. *Kalmia*
35. *Laurus*
36. *Leucothoe*
37. *Lithocarpus*
38. *Lonicera*
39. *Loropetalum*
40. *Magnolia*
41. *Maianthemum*
42. *Manglietia*

43. *Michelia*
44. *Nerium*
45. *Nothofagus*
46. *Osmanthus*
47. *Osmorhiza*
48. *Parakmeria*
49. *Parrotia*
50. *Photinia*
51. *Physocarpus*
52. *Pieris*
53. *Pittosporum*
54. *Prunus*
55. *Pseudotsuga*
56. *Pyracantha*
57. *Quercus*
58. *Rhamnus*
59. *Rhododendron*
60. *Rosa*
61. *Rubus*
62. *Salix*
63. *Schima*
64. *Sequoia*
65. *Syringa*
66. *Taxus*
67. *Torreya*
68. *Toxicodendron*
69. *Trientalis*
70. *Umbellularia*
71. *Vaccinium*
72. *Vancouveria*
73. *Viburnum*