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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>FINLAND</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Other living plants 06.02
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Statute Amending the Statute on Preventing the Spread of Plant Pests and Diseases into the Country (available in Finnish and English, 1 page)
6. Description of content: The draft amendment of the Statute on Preventing the Spread of Plant Pests and Diseases into the Country (173/81) refers to four harmful pests (Beet necrotic yellow vein virus, BNYVV, Tomato spotted wilt virus, TSWV, Bemisia tabaci and Opogona sacchari), which do not occur in Finland, but which could cause substantial damage to cultivated areas or stored plants or plant products. These pests are included in EC's Council Directive 77/93/EEC, amended by Commission Directive 92/103/EEC of 1 December 1992 (Annexes I-IV) and also in the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation's (EPPO) list A 2 of Quarantine Pests. Excluded the first mentioned virus (BNYVV) and Opogona sacchari both these pests have occurred in Finland in 1992. These pests have been eradicated by official eradication programme and by virtue of the temporary eradication decisions by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. According to the Finnish Plant Protection Act this temporary decision can be valid only for three months. For the reasons of plant health, because the period of validity of these temporary decisions is now over, it is vital for these pests to be added to the Finnish Plant Health Legislation (proposed statute) immediately.
7. Objective and rationale: Plant protection

8. Relevant documents: The document will be issued in the Statutes of Finland
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 24 March 1993
10. Final date for comments: -
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: