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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>PANAMA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> <i>Autoridad Panameña de Seguridad de Alimentos, AUPSA</i> (Panamanian Food Safety Authority)
3.	<b>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):</b> Fresh and chilled fruit and vegetables (HS chapters 07 and 08)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b>  Colombia
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> <i>Resolución – AUPSA – CTI – 023-2008 del 27 de agosto de 2008</i> (Resolution of the Panamanian Food Safety Authority (AUPSA) and Institutional Technical Commission (CTI) No. 023-2008 of 27 August 2008) (3 pages, in Spanish).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b>  Article 1. The importation of fresh and chilled fruit and vegetables (HS chapters 07 and 08) originating in the Republic of Colombia shall be temporarily suspended, as a emergency phytosanitary measure, until such time as the Colombian National Plant Protection Organization and the Panamanian Food Safety Authority agree upon phytosanitary measures which guarantee the appropriate level of protection required by Panama.  Article 2. In accordance with the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), in particular ISPM No. 13 ("Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action"), the Colombian authorities shall be informed of the case at issue, with a view to their applying the relevant corrective phytosanitary measures.  Article 3. Inspectors of the National Directorate for the Analysis and Control of Imported Foods shall be instructed to step up sampling of fresh and chilled fruit and vegetables originating in Colombia and notified prior to the entry into force of this Resolution.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action:</b> Detection of the presence of live insects, such as <i>Frankliniella occidentalis</i> , <i>Pseudococcus</i> sp. and <i>Anastrepha</i> sp., in certain fresh and chilled fruit and vegetables originating in Colombia.

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9.	<p><b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) Nos. 11 and 13</p>
10.	<p><b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The following Resolutions of the Panamanian Food Safety Authority and Directorate for Rules Governing the Importation of Food have been temporarily rescinded: AUPSA – DINAN-026-2007; AUPSA – DINAN-027-2007; AUPSA – DINAN-032-2007; AUPSA – DINAN-035-2007; AUPSA – DINAN-036-2007; AUPSA – DINAN-039-2007; AUPSA – DINAN-233-2007; AUPSA – DINAN-245-2007; AUPSA – DINAN-440-2007; AUPSA – DINAN-068-2008, <i>inter alia</i>, issuing the phytosanitary requirements for fresh and chilled fruit and vegetables originating in Colombia (available in Spanish).</p>
11.	<p><b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> The Resolution will enter into force immediately and remain applicable until the Colombian National Plant Protection Organization and the Panamanian Food Safety Authority agree upon phytosanitary measures which guarantee the appropriate level of protection required by Panama.</p>
12.	<p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:</p>
13.	<p><b>Texts available from:</b> <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:</p>