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**Proposal of seed potatoes import mechanism**

The following mechanism has been developed by the NPPO of Egypt (Central Administration of Plant Quarantine) and it was discussed between the Potato Technical Committee and the Egyptian seed potatoes importers , and based on the approval of H E : Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation

The proposal shall be applied from the season 2021/2022 (according to the Covid -19 outbreak status at the countries of origin ), the proposed steps are following:-

1- The submission (acceptance) of import applications from **April 15 to May 15** of each year (before the import season) in order to give the committee sufficient opportunity to study these requests, and requests are not accepted after this period.

2- The companies wishing to import are obligated to declare all the data in the application submitted of the quantity to be imported, the origin, the varieties, grower numbers abroad, the expected date of arrival of the first shipment and the approximate last shipment, in order to decide on the request and determine committees to examine the crop to be exported from the country of origin.

3- Based on these data, the committees are assigned to inspect farms in the country of origin at the appropriate stages of cultivation to confirm the tolerances of viral diseases, provided that a fixed value of money is determined for each ton of seeds allowed to be imported to allocate the financing the cost of these committees.

4- The first season in implementing this mechanism is considered as an experimental season to measure the extent of its efficiency and the extent of the companies' commitment after informing them of the import mechanism that is dealt with them through the extent of their commitment in this season.

Those steps shall neither contradict the general operative plant quarantine rules and conditions including annex № 14 of the Ministerial decree № 562/2019 nor the provisions of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), Rome 1951, and its annexes.

