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**To:** International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Contracting Parties

**Subject:** Official Notification on Import Permit Requirements for Phytosanitary Certification for Shipments Destined to Somalia

**Dear IPPC Contact Points,**

The Federal Republic of Somalia extends its compliments to all IPPC Contracting Parties and wishes to convey an official notification regarding the mandatory requirement for **Plant Import Permits** for all consignments destined for Somalia.

In accordance with the **Plant Protection and Quarantine Law (No. 34/2024)**, the Somali Agricultural Regulatory and Inspection Service (SARIS)—established under Law No. 32/2024 and formally designated as Somalia's National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO)—is legally mandated to regulate the importation of plants, plant products, and regulated articles. As the national implementing authority, SARIS oversees all phytosanitary measures to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful pests and to ensure compliance with the International Plant Protection Convention.

In line with these obligations, Somalia hereby requests all IPPC Contracting Parties to issue phytosanitary certificates for consignments bound for Somalia only upon confirmation that the importer holds a valid Plant Import Permit issued by SARIS.

This requirement is compulsory under national law and is essential to safeguarding the integrity of Somalia's plant health system, protecting agricultural production, and facilitating safe and compliant trade.

All official phytosanitary matters—including import permit verification, correspondence, and technical communication—should be directed to SARIS through the official email addresses registered on the IPPC portal: [dg@saris.gov.so](mailto:dg@saris.gov.so) and [bashaq12@gmail.com](mailto:bashaq12@gmail.com)

The Federal Government of Somalia reaffirms its commitment to close cooperation with all IPPC Contracting Parties and to strengthening joint efforts to protect plant resources and ensure safe international trade.

Thank you for your kind attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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