NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Dominica  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Dominica Bureau of Standards  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Seeds, fruit and spores, of a kind used for sowing (HS 1209) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** International Movement of Seeds (29 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This standard provides guidance to assist national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) in identifying, assessing and managing the pest risk associated with the international movement of seeds (as a commodity class).  The standard also provides guidance on procedures to establish phytosanitary import requirements to facilitate the international movement of seeds; on inspection, sampling and testing of seeds; and on the phytosanitary certification of seeds for export and re-export.  Under ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) seeds (as a commodity class) are intended for planting and not for consumption. Viable seeds, which are a sample of a seed lot, imported for laboratory testing or destructive analysis are also addressed by this standard.  This standard does not apply to grain or vegetative plant parts (e.g. tubers of potatoes). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of animal or plant life or health; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Dominica Official Gazette |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 31 December 2021  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 6 months from adoption |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 13 August 2021 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/DMA/21_4111_00_e.pdf> |