Alert Notification Regarding Strengthening the Quarantine and Supervision of Mixed Grains Imported

All the bureaus of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine under AQSIQ:

Recently, the Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of Jiangsu province found rape seeds mixed in the ship importing soybeans to China from Canada, and detected quarantine pests for entry plants – Leptosphaeria maculans. Similarly, the port detected rape seeds infected with Leptosphaeria maculans mixed with peas imported in the past, and detected wheat infected with Tilletia controversa Kühn found in shipment of imported soybean. To avoid mixture of grains found in imported grains and minimize the possibility of transmission of plant epidemic, the following Notification is released according to Administrative Stipulations on Risk Warning and Rapid Response of Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine.

I. All Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of all localities shall reinforce the inspection quarantine and supervision of imported mixed grains, requiring the grains transported to China by import & export companies not mix with other grains or impurity.

II. In the event of grain mixture issues, all bureaus shall strengthen on-spot inspection and laboratory detection, initiate detection of pests for mixed grains, especially for serious plant epidemic such as Leptosphaeria maculans and Tilletia controversa Kühn.

III. Regarding mixed grains detected of serious plant epidemic, all bureaus shall direct related enterprises to take effective measures such as concentrated destruction, pest disinfection treatment, and shall conduct strict quarantine and supervision for entire process of loading/unloading, transportation, and processing of imported grains.
IV. All bureaus shall reinforce the detection of possible pests carried by imported grains at grains import ports, transportation routes and surrounding regions of processing plants. Once the incidence occurs, measures such as eradication shall be taken immediately.

V. All bureaus shall draw inferences about other cases from one instance, and strengthen the inspection, quarantine and supervision of import shipments, containers and transportation vehicles that might carry grains.

This notification shall be valid for one year.

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