Netherlands Food and Consumer
Product Safety Authority
*Ministry of Agriculture,
Nature and Food Quality*

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Date   11 September 2020
Re.   EU import requirements seeds of *Solanum lycopersicum* and *Capsicum spp.*
        Commission implementing regulation (EU) 2020/1191 on ToBRFV

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With reference to the recent enactment of Commission implementing
regulation (EU) 2020/1191, you are kindly informed that the NPPO of the
Netherlands is in the process of implementing this regulation.

All consignments arriving on and after 1 October 2020 in the Netherlands
will be checked for compliance with the requirements stipulated in this new
regulation. Requirements for additional declarations on phytosanitary
certificates are also stipulated on our website (see:
https://english.nvwa.nl/topics/import-regulations-of-the-netherlands-on-
plant-health/additional-declarations).

Seeds in storage in third countries prior to enactment of (EU) 2020/1191

Specified seeds to be exported to the EU by third countries in storage may
have been produced some time ago and mother plants are no longer
available. As a temporary solution the following alternative additional
declaration can be used by NPPOs of third countries, ultimately until 31
January 2021:
In addition to reference to regulation (EU) 2020/1191 the following can be
specified on the additional declaration as an alternative to requirements of
art 9.1 (a) (i):
'The seeds have been harvested prior to 15 August 2020 and mother plants
are no longer available for inspection.'
and reference to art 9.1 (a) (ii) should be included as well:

'the specified seeds concerned or their mother plants have undergone official sampling and testing for the specified pest and have been found, according to those tests, to be free from the specified pest;'

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