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No. 8064. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA CONCERNING CO-OPERATION IN THE MATTER OF PLANT PROTECTION. SIGNED AT BELGRADE, ON 16 JUNE 1965

The Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, desiring to join efforts in the control of plant diseases and pests and of weeds, to protect the territory of their respective States against the introduction and spread of dangerous plant diseases and pests, and to facilitate the transport of plants and plant products between the two States, have decided to conclude this Agreement. They have for that purpose appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

The Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic :

Vladimír Maška, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Resources ;

The Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia :

Luka Petković, Assistant Federal Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry.

Article 1

1. In order to prevent the spread of dangerous plant diseases and pests from the territory of one Contracting Party to the territory of the other Contracting Party, the Parties undertake :

(a) In exporting plants and plant products to the other Contracting Party, to comply with the plant quarantine regulations of that Party currently in force and to inform each other of the appearance of any quarantinable plant diseases and pests in their territory ;

(b) To ensure that, before a phytosanitary certificate is issued, all consignments are carefully inspected with a view to determining whether they are free from the plant diseases and pests whose introduction into the importing country is prohibited ;

¹ In accordance with article 14, the Agreement came into force on 2 December 1965, the date of an exchange of notes signifying its approval by the Contracting Parties pursuant to their respective constitutional procedures.

(c) To ensure that all consignments of plants and plant products and articles (hereinafter referred to as "consignments") which are intended for export from the territory of one Contracting Party to the territory of the other Contracting Party and which may be carriers of plant diseases or pests are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the competent authority of the plant protection service (hereinafter referred to as "the competent authority") of the exporting country in conformity with the model prescribed in the International Plant Protection Convention signed at Rome on 6 December 1951¹ and in accordance with the plant quarantine regulations of the importing State currently in force. The certificate shall show that the consignment is free from plant diseases and pests subject to the regulations of the importing State governing external plant quarantine ;

(d) To ensure that vehicles used for the export of consignments to the territory of the other Contracting Party are cleaned or disinfected in order to prevent infection of a consignment by plant diseases or pests from uncleaned vehicles and the introduction of plant diseases and pests into the territory of the importing State.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this article do not apply to consignments which have been industrially processed in such a way as to destroy all plant diseases and pests.

Article 2

1. In order to prevent the introduction and spread of plant diseases and pests from third countries, each Contracting Party shall also apply the provisions of article 1 of this Agreement to consignments conveyed in transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party.

2. The transit of a consignment shall be permitted only if it is accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate conforming to the regulations of the State through whose territory it is conveyed.

3. Consignments in transit infected by plant diseases or pests which constitute a direct threat to the State of transit and whose introduction is prohibited by the plant quarantine regulations of that State must be accompanied by a certificate of the competent authorities of the exporting country showing that they have been disinfected.

Article 3

1. The Contracting Parties undertake, in exporting plants to each other's territory, to avoid the use of straw, leaves and other waste products of agricultural

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 150, p. 67 ; for subsequent actions relating to this Convention, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 2 to 5.

plants as packing materials unless they have been disinfected and to make primary use, for that purpose, of sawdust, wood shavings and other materials which are less likely to transmit plant diseases and pests.

2. Plants imported from the territory of one Contracting Party to the territory of the other Contracting Party must be virtually free from soil.

Article 4

The export, import and transit of consignments shall take place only at designated frontier points of entry and exit.

Article 5

1. The importing State shall be entitled to carry out, through its competent authorities, the phytosanitary inspection of consignments which are imported or conveyed in transit. It may also, if necessary, take other measures in conformity with its regulations.

2. Phytosanitary inspection shall normally take place at the frontier point of entry as soon as the consignment arrives.

3. If the competent authority of one Contracting Party does not authorize the import or transit of a consignment or orders special quarantine measures, it shall so inform the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party without delay. Where a special quarantine measure entails the disinfection of a consignment, the scope of such disinfection and the manner in which it is to be carried out shall be decided upon in agreement with the other Contracting Party.

Article 6

The provisions of this Agreement shall also apply to consignments of plants intended for the needs of diplomatic missions even if they are part of consignments containing other merchandise.

Article 7

1. As part of their co-operation in the control of plant diseases and pests and of weeds, the Contracting Parties shall render each other any necessary specialized and technical assistance on the basis of a prior agreement between the competent authorities in each individual case.

2. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties may conclude special arrangements in connexion with the application of this Agreement.

3. The expenses incurred in rendering assistance shall be borne by the State requesting such assistance.

Article 8

When potatoes, bulbs, rhizomes and other root plants are exported from the territory of one Contracting Party to the territory of the other Contracting Party, the phytosanitary certificate must also state :

(a) That the consignment does not originate in an area in which potato canker (*Synchytrium endobioticum*) or the potato nematode (*Heterodera rostochiensis*) has been discovered and that the said disease and pest are not to be found within a radius of ten kilometres from the land on which the potatoes were grown ;

(b) In the case of a consignment of seed potatoes, that the area in which it originates was tested for the presence of the potato nematode (*Heterodera rostochiensis*) before sowing and during vegetation ;

(c) That the consignment was inspected before loading and is free from potato nematode (*Heterodera rostochiensis*) cysts and virtually free from soil.

Article 9

As part of their co-operation in the matter of protection against plant diseases and pests and against weeds, the Contracting Parties undertake :

(a) To send each other, by 1 April of each year, reports on the incidence and spread of quarantinable plant diseases and pests and, in the event of large-scale outbreaks, of dangerous plant diseases and pests, and on the measures taken to control them ;

(b) To inform each other regularly of the results of scientific research concerning new methods and means of protection against dangerous plant diseases and pests and against weeds in agriculture and forestry ;

(c) To exchange specialized periodicals, literature, publicity material and other publications on plant protection ;

(d) To transmit to each other regularly, immediately upon their promulgation, all regulations concerning plant protection, including those governing the import, export and transit of plants. The regulations in force on the date of the entry into force of this Agreement shall be exchanged within thirty days after that date ;

(e) To inform each other regularly of any changes in the frontier points of entry and exit authorized for the import, export and transit of consignments.

Article 10

Desiring to develop effective scientific methods for the control of plant diseases and pests and of weeds, the Contracting Parties agree :