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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	**Notifying Member:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):** State of California
2.	**Agency responsible:** California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)
3.	**Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [X], 7.2 [X], Other:**
4.	**Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Pesticide-treated seeds; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Plant growing (ICS code(s): 65.020.20); Pesticides and other agrochemicals in general (ICS code(s): 65.100.01)
5.	**Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):** Pesticide-Treated Seeds; (12 page(s), in English) **Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:** https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/USA/26_02786_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** Proposed rule - The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) proposes to adopt section 6626.5 and amend sections 6000, 6147, 6691 and 6760 of Title 3, California Code of Regulations (3 CCR). The pesticide regulatory program activities affected by the proposal are those pertaining to the handling of pesticide-treated seeds in California and the reporting and enforcement of their use. In summary, the proposed regulatory action will add a definition for pesticide-treated seed; exempt pesticide-treated seeds from registration when they meet certain conditions specific to California; require the reporting of pesticide-treated seeds planted in California; and provide exemptions to regulatory requirements for the planting of pesticide-treated seeds when certain conditions are met. The proposed rulemaking harmonizes DPR's regulation of pesticide-treated seeds with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) regulation of pesticide-treated seeds as pesticides exempt from registration under Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) section 152.25(a) and places additional California-specific conditions on the manufacture, import, sale, and use of pesticide-treated seeds.
7.	**Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements
8.	**Relevant documents:**

	Department of Pesticide Regulation Proposes New Rule to Regulate Pesticide-Treated Seeds: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/2026/05/15/department-of-pesticide-regulation-proposes-new-rule-to-regulate-pesticide-treated-seeds/ DPR 26-001 – Pesticide-Treated Seeds: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/proposed-regulation/dpr-26-001-pesticide-treated-seeds/ Notice of Proposed Action: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/dpr_26-001_oal_notice.pdf Text of Proposed Regulations: https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/dpr_26-001_oal_text.pdf California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 3, Division 6, Sections 6000, 6147, 6626.5, 6691, 6760
9.	**Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined
10.	**Provision of comments** **Final date for comments:** 29 June 2026 **[ ] 60 days from notification** WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point by or before 4pm Eastern Time on 29 June 2026. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with DPR if received within the comment period. **Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:** Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov