



Statement on unknown seeds

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We noted the answer given by the spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China to the question by Reuters recently, “Plant seeds are articles prohibited as imports (or in transit) or admitted conditionally for UPU member countries. China Post strictly follows the UPU provisions and prohibits seeds from conveyance by post. USPS recently found some packages of seeds with address labels suggesting they were sent from China. After verification with China Post, those address labels turned out to be fake ones with erroneous layouts and entries. China Post has contacted USPS, asking it to send those fake packages to China for investigation”.

We endorse the spokesperson’s principles and attitude. We advocate taking fact as the basis, finding out the source, clarifying the truth and dealing with it in objective and pragmatic way. We are opposed to publishing information that has no factual basis and may mislead others.

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