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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Food of animal origin and composite products, live animals
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Implementing Regulation concerning model official certificates and a model declaration for certain categories of aquatic animals and certain products thereof and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) No 1251/2008. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 53 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4322_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4322_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4322_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_4322_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Regulation (EU) 2017/625 ('Official Controls Regulation') empowers the Commission to adopt, by way of implementing acts, model official certificates and declarations which accompany animals and goods entering the Union, and rules for the issuance of such certificates. Regulation (EU) 2016/429 ('Animal Health Law') empowers the Commission to lay down, by way of implementing acts, rules concerning animal health provisions to be contained in those official certificates and declarations.  The purpose of this Regulation is to lay down rules for the issuance of official certificates and to lay down specific model certificates and a model declaration with regard to the category of aquatic animals and certain products thereof.  The Regulation is launched as part of a package together with Implementing Regulation concerning model official certificates for certain terrestrial animals and Implementing Regulation concerning model official certificates for certain goods.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Aquatic Animal Health Code, Chapters 1.5; 9.1; 10.2; 10; 5; 10.6; 10;7 and 10.9.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> End 2020.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> End 2020.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 20 days from date of publication, and date of application: 20/04/2021. The act provides a transitional period until 21/07/2021.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Ninety days from the date of circulation of the notification.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>European Commission          DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations          Rue Froissart 101          B-1049 Brussels          Tel: +(322) 295 4263          Fax: +(322) 299 8090          E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>European Commission          DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations          Rue Froissart 101          B-1049 Brussels          Tel: +(322) 295 4263          Fax: +(322) 299 8090          E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a></p>