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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
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): Municipal biosolids imported as fertilizers - HS codes: 38.25.20 (Sewage sludge) and 38.25.10 (Municipal waste)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Implementation of the interim per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances standard for municipal biosolids imported or sold in Canada as fertilizers. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 6 https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/interim-standards-for-pfas/proposed-implementation/eng/1702577217483/1702577217936
6. Description of content: The interim standard for PFAS in biosolids is based on the concentration of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) used as an indicator which cannot exceed 50 ppb (parts per billion) of the final product per kg of dry weight. Compliance with the limit will be verified at import and through domestic inspection via a certificate of analysis (CoA) generated by the importer using a standard method for testing and an accredited laboratory. The CoA will have to be accompanied by an attestation of its validity (template form will be provided by the CFIA). The interim standard for PFAS is part of GoC suite of measures aimed at reducing human and environmental exposure to PFAS which are highly persistent and toxic organic pollutants. The CFIA's standard for municipal biosolids focuses on the end of the product's life cycle, namely disposal of industrial and household wastes. It will prohibit the importation of heavily contaminated biosolids thus minimizing risks to agricultural crops, soil health and productivity, plants, animals and the food supply chain.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/interim-standards-for-pfas/proposed-implementation/eng/1702577217483/1702577217936</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2024 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2024</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 October 2024 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 April 2024 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Canada's SPS and TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2 Tel: +(343) 203 4273 Fax: +(613) 943 0346 E-mail: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca</p>