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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: EUROPEAN UNION If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General 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): Novel foods 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [X] [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2017 of 18 December 2018 authorising the placing on the market of syrup from Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench as a traditional food from a third country under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 3 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19 0213 00 e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19 0213 00 f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19 0213 00 s.pdf 6. Description of content: The measure concerns authorising the placing on the market of syrup from Sorghum bicolor (L.) as a traditional food from a third country to be used in food for the general population. 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests. 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: Γ1 Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic [] Animal Health Code, chapter number): [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): [X] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? []Yes []No

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| | If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: |
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| 9. | Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 18 December 2018 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 19 December 2018 |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 days after its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. [X] Trade facilitating measure |
| 12. | Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable |
| | Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: |
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