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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> Cereals (HS Codes: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008), foodstuffs of animal origin (HS Codes: 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210) and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for chlorate in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 15
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed draft Regulation concerns the setting of MRLs for chlorate in or on certain food commodities. The document is at the stage of the feedback mechanism of the EU decision-making process. WTO Members are invited to provide comments already during this process, until 18 February 2019, via the following link: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2019-334046_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2019-334046_en</a> . Following the completion of the feedback process, the proposed draft Regulation will continue its way through the EU decision-making process and, in due course, will be notified again to WTO Members for comments according to the usual WTO/SPS procedures.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b>

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC"  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396</a></li> <li>- "Scientific opinion on the risks for public health related to the presence of chlorate in food". EFSA Journal 2015;13(6):4135  <a href="https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4135">https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4135</a></li> </ul> <p>(available in English)</p>	
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</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> Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.  <input checked="" 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> 18 February 2019. Comments welcome until 18 February 2019 within the EU feedback mechanism via the link indicated in point 6. Another period for comments will be provided to WTO Members at a later stage following the regular notification once the feedback process has been completed.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: +(32 2) 29 54263          Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090          E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</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: +(32 2) 29 54263          Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090          E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>	