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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> Animals, products of animal origin, composite products, germinal products, animal by-products, derived products and hay and straw, plants, plant products and other objects
<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> Commission Implementing Regulation establishing detailed rules on the operations to be carried out during and after the documentary checks, identity checks and physical checks on animals and goods subject to official controls at the border control posts (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 14 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5002_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5002_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5002_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5002_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> It follows from Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, that certain categories of animals and goods coming from third countries must be subject to specific official controls at the border control posts.  Article 49(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 requires the competent authorities to perform official controls on those animals and goods upon their arrival at the border control posts. Those official controls must include documentary checks, identity checks and physical checks.  This Regulation lays down detailed rules concerning performance of the documentary checks, identity checks and physical checks at border control posts.  The current operations carried out during documentary checks, identity checks and physical checks have proven to be effective and ensure a high level of performance of checks. Therefore, the rules laid down in this Regulation ensure a continuation of the requirements on operations to be carried out during and after these checks at the border control posts.  Date of application: 14 December 2019

7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.
8.	<p><b>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 type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><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>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Foreseen 31 October 2019.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Foreseen 30 November 2019.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Thirty days from the date of circulation of the notification.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>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>
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