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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> Products of animal origin
<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 Delegated Regulation amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on specific hygiene requirements for food of animal origin. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 9 +14 pages <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_5856_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_5856_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_5856_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_5856_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The revision aims at addressing a number of requests from EU countries and stakeholders, while maintaining a high level of food safety.  As regards hygiene rules on meat, the amendments introduce certain targeted flexibility, hence facilitating trade or alignments with the Regulations related to meat inspection, applicable since December 2019 and notified earlier to the World Trade Organisation.  As regards bivalve molluscs, the amendment removes pectenotoxins from the list of marine biotoxins to be analysed in live bivalve molluscs based on a scientific opinion; establishes a specific model of the registration document that must accompany movements of live bivalve molluscs after harvesting and until their placing on the market and aligns the rules for echinoderms harvested outside classified production areas fixed in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624 to the limitations in derogation established by the Parliament and the Council in Regulation (EU) 2017/625.  As regards fishery products, the amendments fix specific hygiene requirements for reefer vessels as regards transport temperature and cold store maintenance, and the obligation on board vessels that containers used for storing and or freezing fishery products be not used for other purposes.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General Principles of Food Hygiene and its HACCP Annex (CXC 1-1969)</li> <li>- Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat (CAC/RCP 58-2005)</li> <li>- Code of Practice for fish and fishery products (CAC/RCP 52-2003)</li> </ul> <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 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> Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. Latest consolidated version, available in all languages of the European Union at <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1592561247432&amp;uri=CELEX%3A02004R0853-20190726">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1592561247432&amp;uri=CELEX%3A02004R0853-20190726</a></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 4th quarter 2020. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 4th quarter 2020.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 November 2020 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:</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>
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