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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> 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): Products of animal origin
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: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/627 as regards uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on products of animal origin. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_5930_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_5930_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The revision aims at addressing a number of requests from Member States and stakeholders to provide more clarity on certain legal provisions related to official controls. As regards official controls in meat, only clarifications, better consistency of wordings and a return to inspection practices applicable before the entry into force of the Regulation (December 2019) were aimed at. As regards official controls in bivalve molluscs, the detection of Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) toxins will be permitted only using alternative methods not entailing the use of animals (the use of the mouse bioassay shall be forbidden); moreover taking into account that EFSA has concluded that there are no reports on adverse effects in humans associated with Pectenotoxins (PTX) group toxins, those toxins will be removed from the list of toxins to be tested during official controls. As regards official controls in fishery products, taking into account that fishery products derived from aquaculture are tested to establish compliance as regards contaminants and pesticides, also wild caught fishery products should be tested to establish the compliance as regards contaminants.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat (CAC/RCP 58-2005) - Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (CAC/RCP 52-2003) <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapters 6.1 and 6.2 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627. Latest consolidated version, available in all languages of the European Union at https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1592565407649&uri=CELEX%3A02019R0627-20190517</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 4th quarter 2020. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 4th quarter 2020.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <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>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 December 2020</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>