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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> Food of animal origin, composite products, live animals, sprouts for human consumption and seeds for producing sprouts for human consumption, germinal products aquatic animals and products thereof
<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 (EU) 2021/619 of 15 April 2021 amending Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/2235, (EU) 2020/2236 and (EU) 2021/403 as regards transitional provisions for the use of animal health certificates, animal health/official certificates and official certificates (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English, French and Spanish. <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2938_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2938_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2938_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2938_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2938_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2938_00_s.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The purpose of this Regulation is to facilitate the transition to the use of the new animal health certificates and animal health/official certificates for movements of consignments within the Union and between Member States and in the interest of legal certainty, clarify transitional provisions during transitional period for certificates for entry into the Union.  The act does not change transitional requirements for consignments entering the Union established but provide more clarity for transitional provisions.  The date of application of this Regulation is 21 April 2021.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input checked="" 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 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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 15 April 2021</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 April 2021</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): Third day from date of publication.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>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:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>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>