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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): Food products
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: Commission Regulation (EU) 2021/1156 of 13 July 2021 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards steviol glycosides (E 960) and rebaudioside M produced via enzyme modification of steviol glycosides from Stevia (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 14 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_4825_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_4825_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_4825_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: The text aims at updating the current authorisation of the food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) and to authorise rebaudioside M produced via enzyme modification of steviol glycosides from Stevia in the European Union. The Annex to Regulation No 231/2012 (specifications for food additives) is amended accordingly, in line with the conclusion of the evaluation of the safety of this food additive by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), which concluded that the new additive does not raise safety concern at the same proposed uses and use levels as steviol glycosides (E 960). In the interest of clarity and coherence, the currently authorised food additive 'steviol glycosides (E 960)' is renamed as 'Steviol glycosides from Stevia (E 960a)' and 'rebaudioside M produced via enzyme modification of steviol glycosides from Stevia' is assigned E 960c(i) as an E-number. As those food additives may be regulated combined, a new group for steviol glycosides, including both of them, is inserted in Part C of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008, and all entries for steviol glycosides (E 960) in Part E of Annex II to that Regulation are replaced accordingly, while maintaining the currently applicable uses and maximum level for authorised uses and use levels.
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): Codex General Standard For Food Additives – Codex Stan 192-1995</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <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: The Safety of the amendment of the specifications for steviol glycosides (E 960) as a food additive related to rebaudioside M produced via enzyme-catalysed bioconversion of purified stevia leaf extract (European Food Safety Authority, EFSA Journal 2019;17(10):5867, https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5867 (available in English))</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 13 July 2021 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 14 July 2021</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 (with transitional provisions for a 18-month period).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>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:</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>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:</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>