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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION **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):** Live animals and food of animal origin
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) on uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls as regards the use of pharmacologically active substances authorised as veterinary medicinal products or as feed additives and of prohibited or unauthorised pharmacologically active substances and residues thereof, on specific content of multi-annual national control plans and specific arrangements for their preparation (Text with EEA relevance). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 11+7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/EEC/22_4173_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/EEC/22_4173_01_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** Official controls must be performed by the competent authorities regularly, on a risk basis and with appropriate frequency. The provisions on residue monitoring plans according to Directive 96/23/EC are repealed by the Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 by 14 December 2022. The current system is to be maintained and aligned to a more risk-based approach, while still ensuring a sufficient sampling frequency. This draft implementing act set out the general requirements of the content of the national control plans for pharmacologically active substances authorised as veterinary medicinal products or as feed additives and of prohibited or unauthorised pharmacologically active substances and residues thereof in food-producing animals and food of animal origin regarding minimum sampling frequencies and additional arrangements (submission of the plans and gathered data), while leaving the risk-based design up to the Member States, in line with the general approach of the Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625. This draft Regulation is interlinked with the draft Commission Delegated Regulation (notification G/SPS/N/EU/571) which sets out specific requirements such as sampling frequency, range of samples and stage of production, processing and distribution where the samples are to be taken and criteria to be taken into account for the design of the control plans.
7.	**Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.**

8. **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**

[ ] **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**

[ ] **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**

[ ] **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**

[X] **None**

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

10. **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Estimated September 2022.

Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*: Estimated October 2022.

11. **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 December 2022

[ ] **Trade facilitating measure**

12. **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 August 2022

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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