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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> Tree nuts, vegetables, seaweed, pulses, oilseeds, cereals, cocoa and chocolate products, food for infants and young children, fruit and vegetable juices
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards maximum levels of nickel in certain foodstuffs (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4+7 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_01827_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_01827_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_01827_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_01827_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The draft Regulation establishes maximum levels for nickel in tree nuts, vegetables, seaweed, pulses, oilseeds, cereals, cocoa and chocolate products, food for infants and young children, fruit and vegetable juices. Taking into account the outcome of the EFSA risk assessment of nickel in food and drinking water (available at: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2020.6268">https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2020.6268</a> ), the maximum levels for nickel are established to ensure a high level of human health protection.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Estimated June 2024. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Estimated June 2024.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 4 May 2024 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a>
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