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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): Novel foods
- 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: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1581 of 1 August 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 as regards the conditions of use of the novel food 'astaxanthin-rich oleoresin from *Haematococcus pluvialis* algae' (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 4

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- 6. **Description of content:** The measure concerns an amendment of the conditions of the novel food 'astaxanthin-rich oleoresin from *Haematococcus pluvialis* algae', which was underpinned by a scientific opinion by EFSA. This measure was subsequently corrected by another legal act, which addresses an error identified with regard to the transitional measures established for the novel food complying with the previous labelling requirements.
- 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:** EFSA opinion on the Safety of astaxanthin for its use as a novel food in food supplements: <u>https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5993</u> (available in English)
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 1 August 2023

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 2 August 2023

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: 20 days after its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Not applicable

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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13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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