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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> Fishery products, highly refined products, food chain information for domestic ungulates that have undergone emergency slaughter outside the slaughterhouse
<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> Draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning specific hygiene rules for emergency slaughter of domestic ungulates, for tuna frozen in brine and for highly refined products (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 5+4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/EEC/25_02457_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/EEC/25_02457_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/EEC/25_02457_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/EEC/25_02457_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The draft Regulation establishes conditions for freezing tuna in brine at -18 °C on board freezer vessels. The freezing capacity of the freezer vessel that caught and froze tuna at -18 °C in brine, should be identified during their approval. This will facilitate official controls, by making it easier to identify tuna caught and frozen by vessels that have the appropriate freezing capacity. Tuna derived from those vessels can reach different markets and not to be limited to canning industry.  Moreover, Annex III, Section I, Chapter VI to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 allows emergency slaughter outside the slaughterhouse if complying with certain requirements. Point 5 of that Chapter VI requires a declaration by the food business operator to accompany the slaughtered animal. The content of this declaration is included in the food chain information in accordance with Section III to Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. For clarity and avoidance of possible duplication, point 5 of Chapter VI should be replaced by a reference to the food chain information.  Finally, Annex III, Section XVI to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 lays down specific requirements for highly refined products where the treatment of the raw materials eliminates any animal or public health risk. Products of animal origin authorised as food additives in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council are also such highly refined products and should therefore be added to this Section XVI. In addition, an alternative treatment to produce fat derivatives (Vitamin D3) is introduced since not posing an animal or public health risk.

<b>7.</b>	<b>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.</b>	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Code of Practice for fish and fishery products CXC 52-2003; Codex Standard for Quick Frozen Finfish, Uneviscerated And Eviscerated Codex STAN 36-1981, Rev. 1 - 1995</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 type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" 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>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2025</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2025</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 24 May 2025</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. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>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></p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <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 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></p>