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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry
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): Meat and Edible Meat Offal (HS code(s): 02); Preparations of Meat, of Fish, of Crustaceans, Molluscs or other Aquatic Invertebrates, or of Insects (HS code(s): 16); Preparations of Cereals, Flour, Starch or Milk; Pastrycooks' Products (HS code(s): 19). The requirements apply to the following group of products: HS codes 0209, 0210, 160100, 1602, 1902 of the combined nomenclature of the goods, approved by Law no. 172/2014
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: The draft Government Decision regarding the amending of the quality requirements for meat preparations and meat products approved by the Government Decision no. 624/2020. Language(s): Romanian. Number of pages: 8 https://particip.gov.md/ro/document/stages/proiectul-definitivat-al-hotararii-de-guvern-privind-modificarea-hotararii-guvernului-nr6242020-cu-privire-la-aprobarea-cerintelor-de-calitate-pentru-preparate-si-produse-din-carne-nr-unic-90maia2025/14223 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/MDA/25_02692_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The drafting of the new GD aims to revise and update the provisions of the Quality Requirements for Meat Preparations and Products. Issues such as traceability, food safety and quality, access to international markets, and consumer protection are becoming increasingly important for government authorities, as well as producer and processor associations. The sector is under growing external competitive pressure, facing a wider variety of products on the market, rising production costs, especially in meat production. Additionally, unfair competition arises from the import of lower-quality meat preparations and products sold at lower prices compared to domestically produced goods, which are both higher in quality and cost. The provisions to be included in the project will have a positive impact on both the consumer and the producer. Establishing clear quality requirements will help the producer comply with them, while the control authorities will ensure adherence to these requirements. The approval of the draft Government Decision aims to adjust the regulatory framework for implementation, ensuring compliance with the provisions of the applicable legislation, without placing financial pressure on producers or importers.

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.
8.	<p>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):</p> <p>CXS 192-1995 General Standard for Food Additives CXS 1-1985 General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Food</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>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 16 May 2025</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30 May 2025</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 August 2025 - This Decision shall enter into force three months after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 April 2025</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>Ms. Oglinda Maria Senior Consultant, Food Industry Directorate Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry E-mail: maria.oglinda@maia.gov.md</p> <p>Ms. Marina CHITANU First Secretary, Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the WTO Avenue de France 23 Switzerland 1202 E-mail: marina.chitanu@mfa.gov.md</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: