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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> 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): Multiple commodities
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: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/194 of 28 January 2026 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 25 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00594_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00594_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_00594_00_s.pdf
6.	Description of content: Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 lays down rules concerning the temporary increase of official controls upon entry into the Union on certain food and feed of non-animal origin from certain third countries (in Annex I); special import conditions for certain food and feed from certain third countries due to the contamination risk by mycotoxins, including aflatoxins, pesticide residues, and microbiological contamination (in Annex II - increased official border controls and official certificate accompanied by the results of sampling and analysis in the third country). This Implementing Regulation amends Annexes I and II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 by introducing the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusion in Annex I:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Strawberries from Egypt due to the risk of pesticide residues (frequency set at 20%).• Decrease in the frequency of identity and physical checks laid down in Annex I for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Oranges from Egypt (pesticide residues from: 20% to 10%);◦ Lemons from Türkiye (<i>Citrus limon</i>, <i>Citrus limonum</i>) (pesticide residues from: 30% to 20%).• Increase in the frequency of identity and physical checks laid down in Annex I for the following commodities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Seem beans and helmet beans (<i>Lablab purpureus</i>) from Bangladesh (pesticide residues: from 20% to 30%);

- Palm oil from Côte d'Ivoire (Sudan dyes: from 20% to 30%) and limit official controls only for packed products for direct human consumption;
- Peppers of the genus *Capsicum* (other than sweet) from Rwanda (pesticide residues: from 30% to 50%);
- Peppers of the genus *Capsicum* (other than sweet) from Thailand (pesticide residues: from 30% to 50%);
- *Sesamum* seeds from Türkiye (*Salmonella*: from 20% to 30 %).
- Removal from Annex II and inclusion in Annex I for the following commodities:
 - Peppers of the genus *Piper*, dried or crushed or ground fruit of the genus *Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta* from India (ethylene oxide – frequency of checks staying at 20%);
 - Calcium carbonate from India (ethylene oxide – frequency of checks staying at 30%).
- Decrease in the frequency of identity and physical checks laid down in Annex II for:
 - Black pepper (*Piper nigrum*) from Brazil (*Salmonella*: from 50% to 30 %);
 - Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids from Türkiye (pesticide residues from: 20% to 10%);
 - Oranges from Türkiye (pesticide residues from: 30% to 20%).
- Increase in the frequency of identity and physical checks laid down in Annex II for the following commodities:
 - Pistachios, mixtures and products produced from pistachios originating from Türkiye, (aflatoxins: from 30% to 50 %);
 - Pistachios, mixtures and products produced from pistachios originating from the United States and dispatched to the Union from Türkiye (aflatoxins: from 30% to 50 %).
- Delisting from Annex I (and thus, from the Regulation) of the following commodities:
 - Rice from India (aflatoxins and Ochratoxin A (rice remains listed for pesticide residues));
 - Nutmeg (*Myristica fragrans*) from India (aflatoxins);
 - Vanilla from India (ethylene oxide);
 - Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems) from India (ethylene oxide);
 - Turnips (*Brassica rapa ssp. rapa*) from Lebanon (Rhodamine B);
 - Mixtures of food additives containing locust bean gum from Malaysia (ethylene oxide);
 - Grapefruits from Türkiye (pesticide residues);
 - Mixtures of food additives containing locust bean gum from Türkiye (ethylene oxide);
 - Okra from India (ethylene oxide (okra remains listed for pesticide residues)).

7. Objective and rationale: ☒ 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):**

☒ **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: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 669/2009, (EU) No 884/2014, (EU) 2015/175, (EU) 2017/186 and (EU) 2018/1660 (Text with EEA relevance.) (OJ L 277, 29 October 2019, p. 89; ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2019/1793/oj)
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11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 18 February 2026 [] 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: 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: sps@ec.europa.eu
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