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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> Oilseeds, oil fruits, animal and vegetable fats and oils, tree nuts, pulses, cereal grains and products derived from cereals, milk, dairy products, cocoa beans and cocoa products, confectionary, spices, dried herbs, tea and herbal infusions, foods for infants and young children, food supplements and food additives
<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 Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards maximum levels of mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons in food (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 5+7 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01382_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01382_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01382_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01382_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The draft Regulation establishes maximum levels for mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons in tree nuts, vegetables, seaweed, pulses, oilseeds, cereals, cocoa and chocolate products, food for oilseeds, oil fruits, animal and vegetable fats and oils, tree nuts, pulses, cereal grains and products derived from cereals, milk, dairy products, cocoa beans and cocoa products, spices, dried herbs, tea and herbal infusions, foods for infants and young children, food supplements and food additives. Taking into account the outcome of the EFSA updated risk assessment of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food, the maximum levels for mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons 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"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b>

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input 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>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>          EFSA updated risk assessment of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food:  <a href="https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8215">https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8215</a> (available in English)</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Estimated September 2026.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Estimated September 2026.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It shall apply from 1 January 2027. The foodstuffs listed in the Annex, lawfully placed on the market before the entry into force of this Regulation, may remain on the market until the date of minimum durability or use-by-date.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 10 May 2026</p> <p><b>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:</b></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: <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:</b></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>