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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): Hemp leaves for water infusion and ready to drink hemp leave infusions
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: Draft Commission Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards maximum levels of the sum of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) in hemp leaves for water infusion and hemp leave infusions (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4+2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01702_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01702_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Exposure estimates to Δ 9-THC indicated that the Acute Reference Dose (ArfD) of 1 μ g/kg bw established by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) was exceeded in certain acute exposure scenarios. Although the exposure estimates are expected to overestimate acute exposure to Δ 9-THC in the Union, the current exposure to Δ 9-THC is considered a potential health concern. Therefore, the draft Regulation establishes maximum levels for the sum of Δ 9-THC and Δ 9-THCA, expressed in Δ 9-THC equivalents, in hemp leaves for water infusion and ready to drink hemp leave infusions to ensure a high level of human health protection.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<p><input 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.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific Opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in milk and other food of animal origin (derivation of an Acute Reference Dose (ARfD)): https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4141 - Acute human exposure assessment to tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ^9-THC): https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2020.5953 (available in English)
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Estimated July 2026.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Estimated July 2026.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <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 that of its publication in the <i>Official Journal of the European Union</i>. It shall apply from 1 January 2027.</p> <p>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"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 May 2026</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>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</p>
13.	<p>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:</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: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>