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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> TÜRKIYE <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control
<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> Wheat Flour
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Amending the Communiqué on Wheat Flour. <b>Language(s):</b> Turkish. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/684/Mevzuat-Taslagi-Tgk-Bugday-Unu-Tebligini-Ile-Ekmek-Ve-Ekmek-Cesitleri-Tebliginde">https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/684/Mevzuat-Taslagi-Tgk-Bugday-Unu-Tebligini-Ile-Ekmek-Ve-Ekmek-Cesitleri-Tebliginde</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/TUR/26_02007_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/TUR/26_02007_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The purpose of this draft Communiqué is to amend the Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Wheat Flour. This amendment prohibits the addition of brown or black colorants - such as roasted malt flour, roasted chickpea flour, and dark malt extract - and similar ingredients to wheat flour for the purpose of imparting color and/or aroma.
<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"/> 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 <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Veterinary, Phytosanitary, Food and Feed Law No: 5996 (G/SPS/N/TUR/9)</li><li>• Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Wheat Flour (2013/9)</li></ul>
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 10 June 2026 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 10 July 2026
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 July 2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 12 June 2026 <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: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Food and Control Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu Ankara - Türkiye Tel: +(90) 312 258 77 53 Fax: +(90) 312 258 77 60 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@tarimorman.gov.tr">sps@tarimorman.gov.tr</a> Website: <a href="http://www.tarimorman.gov.tr">http://www.tarimorman.gov.tr</a>
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