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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> Bread and Bread Varieties
<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 Bread and Bread Varieties (2012/2). <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-Tebligi-Ile-Ekmek-Ve-Ekmek-Cesitleri-Tebliginde">https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/684/Mevzuat-Taslagi-Tgk-Bugday-Unu-Tebligi-Ile-Ekmek-Ve-Ekmek-Cesitleri-Tebliginde</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/TUR/26_02008_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/TUR/26_02008_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The purpose of this draft Communiqué is to amend Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Bread and Bread Varieties. With the amendment, the use of roasted malt flour, roasted chickpea flour, dark malt extract, and similar ingredients for the purpose of imparting dark colours such as brown/black and/or flavour to the products covered by the Communiqué has been prohibited.
<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>

9.	<b>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 (<a href="#">G/SPS/N/TUR/9</a>)</li> <li>• Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Bread and Bread Types (2012/2)</li> </ul>
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 10 June 2026 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 10 July 2026
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 10 July 2026 This Communiqué enters into force on the date of its publication with the transitional period until 31 December 2026: "Provisional Article 4 (1) Food business operators operating within the scope of this Communiqué must comply with the provisions introduced by the Communiqué enacting this article by 31/12/2026."  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b>
12.	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 12 June 2026  <b>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:</b>  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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