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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>NAMIBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform
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): All seeds: Buckwheat, millet, canary seed and other cereals (excl. wheat and meslin, rye, barley, oats, maize, rice and grain sorghum) (HS code(s): 1008); Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken (HS code(s): 1205); Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken. (HS code(s): 1206); Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, whether or not broken (excl. edible nuts, olives, soya beans, groundnuts, copra, linseed, rape or colza seeds and sunflower seeds) (HS code(s): 1207); Sugar beet seed, for sowing (HS code(s): 120910); Seeds of herbaceous plants cultivated mainly for flowers, for sowing (HS code(s): 120930); - Other: (HS code(s): 12099); Plants and parts of plants, incl. seeds and fruits, of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh, chilled, frozen or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered (HS code(s): 1211); Seeds of anis, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries (HS code(s): 0909)
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: Seed and Seed Varieties Act, 2018 (Act No. 23 of 2018). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 36 https://www.lac.org.na/laws/2018/6814.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/NAM/26_02711_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: To provide for the appointment of the Registrar of seed and seed varieties and the registration of producers, processors and dealers of seed and control over imports and exports of seed; to provide for the establishment of the Namibia Seed Council and the Seed Varieties Committee and their powers and functions; to provide for the establishment of a national seed varieties register; to provide for the establishment of the Seed Certification Service and its powers and functions; and to provide for incidental matters.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" 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):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The Act was promulgated on 31 December 2018.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): The Act was promulgated on 31 December 2018.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Pending gazettement of the regulations.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Mr Mesag Mulunga Director Directorate of Planning and Business Development Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform Private Bag 13184 Windhoek Tel: +(264 61) 208 7111/7766 E-mail: Namibia.NNASPS@mawlr.gov.na Website: https://www.mawlr.gov.na</p>
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