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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 Consumers 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> Cereals (HS Codes: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008), foodstuffs of animal origin (HS Codes: 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210) and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables
<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> Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for mercury compounds in or on certain products (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English . <b>Number of pages:</b> 10 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_1526_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_1526_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_1526_01_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_1526_01_e.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_1526_02_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_1526_02_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed draft Regulation concerns the review of existing MRLs for mercury compounds in certain food commodities to reflect the current environmental occurrence. The MRLs are set on a temporary basis in accordance with Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.
<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.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC"  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A32005R0396</a></li> <li>- Opinion published by the Scientific Panel on contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM Panel) of the European Food Safety Authority on mercury and methylmercury in food  <a href="https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/2985">https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/2985</a></li> </ul> (available in English)
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> October 2017 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> October 2017
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 May 2017 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2 - Multilateral international relations Rue Froissart 101 B 1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu
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