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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): Meat preparations, meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/622 of 31 March 2017 amending the model certificate for imports of meat preparations in Annex II to Decision 2000/572/EC and the model certificate for imports of certain meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines in Annex III to Decision 2007/777/EC in relation to the rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English, French, Spanish. Number of pages: 7

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17 2145 00 e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17 2145 00 f.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17 2145 00 s.pdf

- **6. Description of content:** Amendments of the model certificates for imports of meat preparations and the model certificate for imports of certain meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines as regards the public health attestation for BSE:
 - Clarification of the text concerning import of products of animal origin from bovine, ovine or caprine animals.
 - Modification of the import requirements for the products coming from countries with a negligible BSE risk, to allow also for import when such products originate from raw material from countries with controlled or undetermined BSE risk, provided that SRM has been removed.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
 - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic

Animal Health Code, chapter number): Terrestrial Animal Health Code, chapter 11.4

[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

[] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 31 March 2017
 Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*): 1 April 2017
- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 1 July 2017

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Not applicable

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:

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