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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>NORWAY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Norwegian Food Safety Authority
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): Organic fertilisers containing sewage sludge (under Chapter 31.01.0000)
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: Draft Regulations amending the Regulations on fertilisers etc. of organic origin and the Regulations relating to the payment of fees for specific services provided by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority ("sewage sludge-based fertiliser" etc.). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/NOR/17_3978_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed regulations amend the Regulations on fertilisers etc. of organic origin and the Regulations relating to the payment of fees for specific services provided by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority ("sewage sludge-based fertiliser" etc.). The proposed regulations introduce amendments to the national regulations concerning organic fertilisers containing, amongst other components, also sewage sludge. The proposal introduces the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Products with the product designation "sewage sludge-based fertiliser" is to be subject to less stringent use-restriction compared to other sewage-sludge;• The use of the product designation is to be subject to an authorisation from the Norwegian Food Safety Authority. Authorisation may only be given if the product has been treated using methods where the temperature during the hygienisation period is at least 55 degrees Celsius. Furthermore, the product must have a balanced nutrient content adapted to the annual needs of the plants and be suitable for use with at maximum addition of 100kg dry matter per decare per year of the sewage sludge component;• All operators in the delivery-chain are required to keep a record with information necessary for tracing the products. The users of "sewage sludge-based fertiliser" are also required to keep a record stating which enterprise the sludge product was received from, the product's trade name, the quantity received and the date on which it was received. The record shall also contain outline maps showing the areas where the sludge has been used. It must be stated what quantity of sludge has been used per decare and the date on which it was spread;• The records must be stored for at least ten years. The operator is to pay a fee of 3,675 NOK for the authorisation.

7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <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>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2018</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2018</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 December 2017</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <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:</p> <p>National Notification Authority: Ministry of Foreign Affairs P.O. Box 8114 Dep 0032 OSLO Norway Tel: +(47) 23 95 00 00 Fax: +(47) 23 95 00 99 E-mail: post@mfa.no</p> <p>National Enquiry Point: Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food P.O. Box 8007 Dep 0030 Oslo Norway Tel: +(47) 22 24 9090 Fax: +(47) 22 24 9559 E-mail: postmottak@lmd.dep.no</p> <p>Agency responsible: Norwegian Food Safety Authority P.O. Box 383 N-2381 Brumunddal Fax: +(47) 23 21 68 01 E-mail: postmottak@mattilsynet.no Website: http://www.mattilsynet.no/language/english/plants/</p>