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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: EUROPEAN UNION

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): HS Code(s): ex 07049090, ex 07081000, ex 07082000, 07093000, ex 07094000, 07096010, ex 07096099, ex 07099990, ex 07102200, 07108051, ex 07108059, ex 07108095, 08022100, 08022200, 08025100, 08025200, 08043000, 08055010, 080620, 08101000, ex 08109020, ex 08109075, 08112031, ex 08112011, ex 08112019, 08131000, 0902, 09042110, 09042190, 09042200, ex 11063090, 12024100, 12024200, 12074090, ex 12077000, ex 12119086, 15111090, 15119011, ex 15119019, 15119099, 20081110, 20081191, 20081196, 20081198, 20081913, 20081993, 20085061, ex 20089999

4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:

[] All trading partners

- [X] Specific regions or countries: Benin; Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Cambodia; China; Dominican Republic; Egypt; The Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; India; Iran; Kenya; Madagascar; Nigeria; Pakistan; Senegal; Serbia; Sierra Leone; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Thailand; Turkey; Uganda; United States of America; Uzbekistan; Viet Nam
- 5. Title of the notified document: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2298 of 12 December 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 7

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6. **Description of content:** This Regulation reviews the list of imports of feed and food of non-animal origin which are subject to an increased level of official controls. The changes concern: (i) the listing of the following items: peppers (other than sweet) (*Capsicum* spp.) from India, Pakistan, Thailand and Viet Nam and roasted pistachios from the United States; (ii) the de-listing of the following items: table grapes from Egypt and aubergines (*Solanum melongena*) from Thailand.

This Regulation also amends Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 to provide that the derogation from checks at the designated point of entry referred to in Article 9 thereof may be established in respect of existing entries in the list and not only in respect of new entries.

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.

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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): World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic [] Animal Health Code, chapter number): International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): [] [X] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? []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: Commission Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 of 24 July 2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin and amending Decision 2006/504/EC (OJ L 194, 25 July 2009, p. 11) Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 12 December 2017 10. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 13 December 2017 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 January 2018 [] Trade facilitating measure Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the 12. 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: 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 13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: 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