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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
3.	<b>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> Novel foods
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2016 of 18 December 2018 authorising the placing on the market of decorticated grains of <i>Digitaria exilis</i> as a traditional food from a third country under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English, French and Spanish. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0199_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0199_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0199_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0199_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0199_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0199_00_s.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The measure concerns authorising the placing on the market of decorticated grains of <i>Digitaria exilis</i> as a traditional food from a third country to be used in food for the general population.
7.	<b>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.
8.	<b>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>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 18 December 2018 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 19 December 2018
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 20 days after its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.  <b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable  <b>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:</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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