

16 January 2019

Page: 1/3

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

### 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): 0708 20, ex 07082000, 07093000, ex 07094000, 07096010, ex 07096099, ex 07099990, ex 07102200, 07108051, ex 07108059, ex 07108095, 08022100, 08022200, 08025100, 08025200, 08055010, 080620, ex 08109075, 08112031, ex 08112011, ex 08112019, 08131000, ex 08134095, 0902, ex 09041100, ex 09042200, 09042110, ex 09042190, ex 09042200, ex 11063090, 12024100, 12024200, 12074090, ex 12077000, ex 12119086, 15111090, 15119011, ex 15119019, 15119099, ex 20019097, 20081110, 20081191, 20081196, 20081198, ex 20081913, ex 20081919, ex 20081993, ex 20081995, ex 20081999, 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: Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Brazil; Cambodia; China; Dominican Republic; Egypt; Ethiopia; The Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; India; Kenya; Lebanese Republic; Madagascar; Nigeria; Pakistan; Senegal; Serbia; Sierra Leone; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic; Thailand; Turkey; Uganda; United States of America; Uzbekistan; Viet Nam
- 5. Title of the notified document: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/35 of 8 January 2019 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, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 8

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19 0289 00 e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19 0289 00 f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19 0289 00 s.pdf

**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 to Annex I of Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 concern:

- The listing of aubergines from the Dominican Republic, beans from Kenya, peppers (other than sweet) from Uganda, black pepper from Brazil, sweet peppers from China and sesamum seeds from Ethiopia;
- The de-listing of pineapples from Benin;
- The increase in the frequency of identity and physical controls to be performed on consignments of sweet peppers and peppers (other than sweet) from Egypt and Sri

_	2	_
-	2	-

Lanka, peppers (other than sweet) from India and Pakistan and hazelnuts from Georgia;

 The modification of the scope of the existing entry concerning hazelnuts from Georgia to include flour, meal and powder of hazelnuts and hazelnuts, otherwise prepared or preserved.

This Regulation also amends Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 to provide that:

- The reporting obligations for a specific reporting period shall be deemed to be satisfied where member States have registered in TRACES the common entry documents issued by their respective competent authorities in accordance with this Regulation during the corresponding reporting period;
- The transitional period during which the minimum requirements for the DPEs may be progressively implemented and identity and physical checks may be carried out at control points other than DPEs is extended to 13 December 2019.

# 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:

- [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Pesticides, Codex Maximum Levels (MLs) for contaminants, Codex principles and guidelines for the conduct of microbiological risk assessment, Codex principles and guidelines for the conduct of microbiological risk assessment and Codex general principles of food hygiene
- [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
- [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
- [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes [X]No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: This measure is based on EU MRLs and MLs, some of which being different from Codex MRLs and MLs.

- **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).
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 8 January 2019

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 11 January 2019

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 14 January 2019
  - [] 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:

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