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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): Animals, products of animal origin, composite products, germinal products, animal by-products, derived products and hay and straw, plants, plant products
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 Commission Implementing Regulation to establish rules for uniform application of frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks on certain consignments of animals and goods entering the Union (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 13 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5004_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5004_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: It follows from Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, that certain categories of animals and goods coming from third countries must be subject to specific official controls at the border control posts. This Regulation lays down rules for the uniform application of the appropriate frequency rate of identity checks and physical checks on consignments of animals and goods referred to in Article 47(1) (a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 intended to be placed on the market. The appropriate level of frequency rates on identity checks and physical checks are established taking into account information regarding the risks associated with the categories of animals and goods. The regulation establish the procedures for modification of the frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks and rules for the uniform application of the frequency rates. To ensure the effectiveness of the official controls the Regulation establish procedure for the selection of the consignment for identity checks and physical checks in such a way that it is not possible for the operator responsible for the consignments to predict whether any particular consignment will be subject of checks. For certain third countries with which the Union has reached agreement on equivalency, a reduction in the physical checks on certain products can be applied, Therefore the level of frequencies of physical checks specified in these veterinary agreements are applied in this Regulation.

<p>The rules laid down in this Regulation ensure a continuation of the requirements on establishing the minimum frequency rate for identity checks and physical checks.</p> <p>Date of application: 14 December 2019</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. 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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Foreseen 31 October 2019</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Foreseen 30 November 2019</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Thirty days from the date of circulation of the notification.</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> <p>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</p>
<p>13. 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>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</p>