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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
<b>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):</b> Food and feed of non-animal origin, plants, plant products and other objects
<b>4. 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:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for the cases where and the conditions under which identity checks and physical checks on certain goods may be performed at control points and documentary checks may be performed at distance from border control posts (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 13 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5650_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5650_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> It follows from Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of requirements of food, feed and plant health that certain consignments of food and feed of non-animal origin, plants, plant products and other objects should be subject to official controls at the border control posts. In certain cases identity checks and physical checks of these consignments may be performed at designated control points other than border control posts.  This Delegated Regulation lays down specific rules for identity checks and physical checks performed at designated control points on consignments of plants, plant products, and other objects referred to in Article 47(1)(c) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and food and feed of non-animal origin subject to the measures provided for by the acts referred to in Article 47(1)(d)(e) and (f) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625. This Delegated Regulation also stipulates requirements for documentary checks performed at distance from the border control post on consignments of plants, plant products, and other objects referred to in Article 47(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> December 2019</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> December 2019</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Forty days from the date of circulation of the notification.</p> <p><b>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:</b></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><b>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:</b></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>