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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 of animal origin and composite products, live animals, plants and plants products, animal by-products
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain categories of animals and goods exempted from official controls at border control posts, specific controls on passengers' personal luggage and on small consignments of goods sent to natural persons which are not intended to be placed on the market and amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 21 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5646_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5646_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5646_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5646_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Certain animals and goods - based on the risk they pose to human, animal and plant health, animal welfare and the environment - must be subject to official controls at European Union (EU) borders, more specifically at the border control post of first arrival, before they can enter the Union. Those official controls are performed to ensure that consignments of animals and goods comply with the relevant import requirements and will consist of 100% documentary checks, whilst identity and physical checks will be performed at a frequency based on risk.  The Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 empowers the Commission to establish, by means of delegated acts, the cases and conditions under which certain categories of animals and goods can be exempted from checks at border control post. In order not to undermine health protection, welfare and the environment, the exemptions will reflect the (low) risk associated with those animals and goods and will be subject to specific conditions and to specific controls. The Official Controls Regulation also empowers the Commission to adopt rules for the performance of specific controls. Such rules are established for passengers' personal luggage, small consignments of goods not intended to be placed on the market and pet animals entering the Union as part of a non-commercial movement.

<p><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>
<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></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><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:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Forty days from the date of circulation of this notification.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <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>