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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety</p>
<p>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): 03. All aquatic animals included in the scope of Directive 2006/88/EC and susceptible to the non-exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex IV to that Directive.</p>
<p>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:</p>
<p>5. Title of the notified document: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1554 of 11 September 2015 laying down rules for application of Directive 2006/88/EC as regards requirements for surveillance and diagnostic methods Language(s): English, French and Spanish Number of pages: 62 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/EEC/15_3889_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/EEC/15_3889_00_f.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/EEC/15_3889_00_s.pdf</p>
<p>6. Description of content: The Decision lays down rules for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. the surveillance, buffer zones, sampling and diagnostic methods to be used by member States in connection with the disease free status of the member State or zones or compartments thereof for the non-exotic aquatic animal diseases listed in Part II to Annex IV to Directive 2006/88/EC ("listed diseases");b. the diagnostic methods to be used for laboratory examinations in case of the suspicion or confirmation of the presence of listed diseases; andc. the minimum control measures to be applied in the event of the suspicion or confirmation of a listed disease in a member State, zone or compartment not declared free of that disease.
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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.</p>

8.	<p>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code - Chapters no: 9.6, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.9, 11.3 and 11.4. and OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals - Chapters no: 2.2.5, 2.3.4, 2.3.5, 2.3.6, 2.3.9, 2.4.3 and 2.4.4.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 11 September 2015</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 23 September 2015</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2016</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): In line with G/SPS/7/Rev.3 point 13, the measure complies with an international standard and thus does not need to provide the 60 days comment period.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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 G6-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>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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 G6-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>