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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): Flavourings, food
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: Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1760 of 1 October 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of the flavouring substance <i>p</i> -mentha-1,8-dien-7-al (Text with EEA relevance) Language(s): English, French and Spanish Number of pages: 3 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/EEC/15_4299_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/EEC/15_4299_00_f.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/EEC/15_4299_00_s.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Union list of flavourings and source materials is laid down in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008. It was established by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 872/2012 of 1 October 2012 adopting the list of flavouring substances notified in G/SPS/N/EU/13/Add.1 (12 October 2012) which is now amended by this Regulation. This addendum concerns the removal of the flavouring substance <i>p</i> -mentha-1,8-dien-7-al (FL-no 05.117) from the European Union list of flavourings following the European Food Safety Authority opinion of 24 June 2015 which concluded that <i>p</i> -mentha-1,8-dien-7-al (FL-no 05.117) is genotoxic <i>in vivo</i> and therefore its use as a flavouring substance raises a safety concern. The measure has been taken in urgency in view of this EFSA assessment. It is therefore not notified as a draft but as a final measure. It is submitted for information of our WTO partners. The EFSA opinion is available as Scientific Opinion on Flavouring Group Evaluation 208 Revision 1 (FGE.208Rev1): Consideration of genotoxicity data on representatives for ten alicyclic aldehydes with the α,β -unsaturation in ring/side-chain and precursors from chemical subgroup 2.2 of FGE.19. EFSA Journal 2015;13(7):4173, 28 pp. doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2015.4173 Online at: http://www.efsa.europa.eu/efsajournal .

7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</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>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 7 September 2015</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 2 October 2015</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 October 2015</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): Not applicable</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 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, <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 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>