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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): All 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: Draft Commission Regulation amending the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs as regards food allergen management, redistribution of food and food safety culture. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_3999_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_3999_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The revision aims at adapting the Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs to new trends and priorities related to food safety that emerged at EU and global level. In particular: 1. There is a need to introduce preventive measures to avoid cross-contamination by allergens in food. Food allergies are an increasing food safety issue in the EU and globally and have emerged as a major public and personal health burden. 2. Facilitating food donation is a mean of preventing food waste and promoting food security, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Food donations. Since redistributing of food for donations might be accompanied by certain hazards, it requires additional general food safety measures as identified in the 2018 EFSA "Second scientific opinion on hazard analysis approaches for certain small retail establishments and food donations". 3. There is increasing evidence of enhanced food safety by introducing a food safety culture in food businesses, making staff aware of the importance of being engaged in the safe production of food.
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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Principles of Food Hygiene and its HACCP Annex (CXC 1-1969) as revised in 2020 - Draft Code of Practice on Food Allergen Management. For Food Business Operators <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 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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Regulation (EC) No 852/2004. Latest consolidated version, available in all languages of the European Union at: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1592561346563&uri=CELEX%3A02004R0852-20090420</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 4th quarter 2020 (provisional, pending on the adoption of the mentioned Codex cods of practice)</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 4th quarter 2020 (provisional, pending on the adoption of the mentioned Codex cods of practice)</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <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>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 September 2020</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: +(322) 295 4263 Fax: +(322) 299 8090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>

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