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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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):Live animals, and germinal products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **Title of the notified document:** Commission Implementing Regulation concerning model official certificates, official attestations and model declarations for certain categories of terrestrial animals and germinal products thereof and repealing Commission Decisions 2010/470/EU and 2019/294/EU. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 901

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6. Description of content: Description of content:

Regulation (EU) 2017/625 ('Official Controls Regulation') empowers the Commission to adopt, by way of implementing acts, model official certificates, official attestations and declarations which accompany animals and goods entering the Union, and rules for the issuance of official certificates. Regulation (EU) 2016/429 ('Animal Health Law') empowers the Commission to lay down, by way of implementing acts, rules concerning animal health and welfare provisions to be contained in those model official certificates, official attestations and declarations.

The purpose of this Regulation is to lay down rules for the issuance of official certificates and to lay down specific models of official certificates, official attestations and declarations with regard to the category of terrestrial animals and germinal products thereof.

The Regulation is launched as part of a package together with Implementing Regulation concerning model official certificates for certain aquatic animals and Implementing Regulation concerning model official certificates for certain goods.

7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests.

- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic [X] Animal Health Code, chapter number): Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Article 1.3.3; Article 6.2.3 and 6.2.4; Articles 7.13.4. and 7.13.15.; Chapters 1.4; 4.1; and 7.14. **International Plant Protection Convention** (e.g. ISPM number): [] [] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [X] Yes [] No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): End 2020. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): End 2020.
- Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, 11. and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 days from date of publication, and date of application: 21/04/2021. The act provides a transitional period until 20/07/2021.
 - Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Ninety days from the date of circulation of the notification.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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