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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>MADAGASCAR</u></p> <p>If applicable, name of local government involved: <i>Direction des services vétérinaires</i> (Veterinary Services Directorate); <i>Direction de la protection des végétaux</i> (Plant Protection Directorate); <i>Autorité sanitaire halieutique</i> (Fisheries Health Authority); and <i>Agence de contrôle de la sécurité sanitaire et de la qualité des denrées alimentaires</i> (Agency for Monitoring Food Safety and Quality)</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: <i>Ministère de l'Agriculture</i> (Ministry of Agriculture); <i>Ministère de l'élevage</i> (Ministry of Livestock); <i>Ministère des ressources halieutiques et de la pêche</i> (Ministry of Fisheries Resources and Fishing); <i>Ministère de la santé</i> (Ministry of Health); <i>Ministère du commerce et de la consommation</i> (Minister of Trade and Consumer Affairs); and <i>Ministère de l'industrie</i> (Ministry of Industry)</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): All food and feed of animal or plant origin</p>
<p>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:</p>
<p>5. Title of the notified document: <i>Loi alimentaire</i> (Food Law) Language(s): French</p> <p>Number of pages: 25</p> <p>Text available at: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/MDG/16_0582_00_f.pdf</p>
<p>6. Description of content:</p> <p>The main aims of the notified Law are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– to establish the general principles governing food for human consumption and animal feed, in particular measures to guarantee the food safety of such products in the country;– to establish common principles and responsibilities, provide for assessment on a sound scientific basis, and set forth provisions on and efficient organizational procedures for decision-making in respect of the safety of food for human consumption and animal feed. <p>In this respect, the Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– provides for the creation of two new structures, one responsible for coordinating the food safety system (National Coordination Office) and the other in charge of assessing health risks (National Health Risk Assessment Agency). It also establishes the official services and competent authorities in relation to the food safety system and defines their areas of competence and mandates and the powers granted to their inspectors in the exercise of their functions;– establishes procedures in relation to the issues that directly or indirectly affect the safety of food for human consumption and animal feed. <p>The notified Law regulates all stages of the production of food for human consumption and animal feed, from processing to distribution to consumers.</p> <p>It also sets out the related non-compliance offences and penalties.</p>

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) CAC/GL-82-2013: Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation 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 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.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 June 2016, at the close of the first parliamentary session of 2016</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 31 August 2016 (the President is required to enact the Law prior to its publication in the Official Journal of the Republic of Madagascar)</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 February 2017</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 April 2016</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Dr Maharavo Rahantamalala Clarisse Autorité Nationale de Notifications SPS UPDR/Ministère de l'Agriculture Madagascar E-mail: updr.cla@gmail.com maharavoclarisse@gmail.com</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Dr Maharavo Rahantamalala Clarisse Autorité Nationale de Notifications SPS UPDR/Ministère de l'Agriculture Madagascar E-mail: updr.cla@gmail.com maharavoclarisse@gmail.com</p>