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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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 of the Order Caudata (HS Code 01069000)
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 Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/361 of 22 February 2021 laying down emergency measures for movements between member States and the entry into the Union of consignments of salamanders in relation to infection with <i>Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans</i> . Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 13 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_1616_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_1616_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_1616_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: Animal health measures for movement of consignments of salamanders between EU member States and for the entry of such consignments into the Union to ensure that the fungus <i>Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans</i> (Bsal) is not spread by those animals. The relevant current Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/320 applies until 21 April 2021. The new measures by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/361 will apply from 21 April 2021. They take into account risk mitigation measures referred to in an EFSA Technical Assistance and in an EFSA Scientific Opinion (see below under point 9), and experience with the application of Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/320. They provide for appropriate quarantine, diagnostic testing and treatment of salamanders as well as for certification of their health status. These measures are of temporary nature. Most risk-mitigating measures, in particular the quarantining in an appropriate establishment, testing and treatment of traded and introduced salamanders are to be done by competent veterinary authorities, operators and laboratories located within the Union. All consignments of salamanders destined for intra-Union trade or entry into the Union are subject to risk mitigation measures.
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. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: To protect susceptible species in the European Union from spread of Bsal.</p>
<p>9. 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): Aquatic Animal Health Code, Chapter 8.2</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>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) Scientific and technical assistance concerning the survival, establishment and spread of Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans (Bsal) in the EU, EFSA Journal 2017;15(2):4739 http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2017.4739/full - European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) Scientific Opinion on assessment of listing and categorisation of animal diseases within the framework of the Animal Health Law (Regulation (EU) No 2016/429): Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans (Bsal), EFSA Journal 2017;15(11):5071 https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5071
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 22 February 2021/21 April 2021</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. 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>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-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>
<p>13. 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 D2-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>