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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): Infant formulae marketed as powder, processed cereal-based foods and baby foods for infants and young children, foods for special medical purposes intended for infants and young children marketed as powder, drinks for infants and young children labelled and sold as such, offal, wild fungi, fresh turmeric, fresh ginger, wine, aromatised wine, aromatised wine-based drinks and aromatised wine-product cocktails, liqueur wine made from grapes, dried spices, salt
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 (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of lead in certain foods (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3+3 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_1885_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_1885_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The draft Regulation lowers existing maximum levels for lead or establishes new maximum levels for cadmium in infant formulae marketed as powder, processed cereal-based foods and baby foods for infants and young children, foods for special medical purposes intended for infants and young children marketed as powder, drinks for infants and young children labelled and sold as such, offal, wild fungi, fresh turmeric, fresh ginger, wine, aromatised wine, aromatised wine-based drinks and aromatised wine-product cocktails, liqueur wine made from grapes, dried spices, salt.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CXC 1995) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: On the basis of a risk assessment of the European Food Safety Authority the exposure of EU consumers to lead should be lowered. On the basis of the available occurrence data in the European Union, there is margin to lower the MLs for cadmium in certain commodities. This measure is considered necessary to ensure a high level of human health protection.</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Estimated June 2021. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Estimated June 2021.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. Foodstuffs listed in the Annex to this Regulation that were lawfully placed on the market before the date of entry into force may continue to be marketed until six months after the date of entry into force.</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): 14 May 2021</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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, [X] 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>