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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
<b>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):</b> Composite products
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 of 16 February 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain categories of goods exempted from official controls at border control posts and amending Commission Decision 2007/275/EC (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English, French and Spanish. <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2908_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2908_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2908_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2908_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2908_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2908_00_s.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Official Controls ('Official Controls Regulation') establishes the framework for official controls and other official activities to verify the correct application of Union agri-food chain legislation. This includes official controls performed on animals and goods entering the Union from third countries. Article 48(h) of the Official Controls Regulation provides that certain categories of animals and goods referred to in Article 47(1) of the same Regulation coming from third countries may be exempted from official controls at border control posts. According to Article 77(1)(k) of the Official Controls Regulation, arrangements for specific official controls may be laid down in delegated acts for those animals and goods exempted from official controls at border control posts.  The purpose of this Regulation is to lay down cases and conditions under which certain lower risk shelf-stable composite products not containing processed meat are exempted from official controls at border control posts. EU member states' competent authorities should perform official controls on such composite products regularly, on a risk basis and with appropriate frequency, at the place of destination, the point of release for free circulation in the Union, or the warehouses or the premises of the operator responsible for the consignment.  The Regulation establishes a new list of certain shelf-stable composite products not containing processed meat exempted from official controls at border control posts and lays down rules concerning official controls on those products.

7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 February 2021</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 19 April 2021</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Twenty days from date of publication, and date of application: 21 April 2021</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b> The act provides list of composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts.</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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>