



NOTIFICATION

1.	<p><b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u></p> <p><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b></p>
2.	<p><b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General</p>
3.	<p><b>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> Food additives</p>
4.	<p><b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:</p>
5.	<p><b>Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/683 of 2 May 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of propionic acid-propionates (E 280-283) in tortillas (Text with EEA relevance) <b>Language(s):</b> English, French and Spanish <b>Number of pages:</b> 2</p> <p><a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/EEC/16_1948_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/EEC/16_1948_00_e.pdf</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/EEC/16_1948_00_f.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/EEC/16_1948_00_f.pdf</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/EEC/16_1948_00_s.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/EEC/16_1948_00_s.pdf</a></p>
6.	<p><b>Description of content:</b> The use of Propionic acid-propionates is requested for the extension of the shelf-life of tortillas. Propionic acid-propionates are widely used to prevent the growth of moulds in leavened bakery products, due to their minimal effect on yeast and on the odour or taste of the final product.</p> <p>The European Food Safety Authority ("the Authority"), in its opinion on the re-evaluation of propionic acid (E 280), sodium propionate (E 281), calcium propionate (E 282) and potassium propionate (E 283) as food additives, concluded that there would not be a safety concern from the maximum concentrations of those substances at their currently authorised uses and use levels as food additives. The authorisation of the use of propionates in tortillas is an extension which would not lead to additional concern as the exposure assessment done by the Authority covered food category 07.1 Bread and rolls.</p>
7.	<p><b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.</p>
8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</b> Codex General Standard for Food Additives</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"/> 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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>):</b> 2 May 2016</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>):</b> 3 May 2016</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 23 May 2016</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): Not applicable</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <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>