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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>TURKEY</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control
<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> Semolina
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Semolina. <b>Language(s):</b> Turkish. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TUR/22_2894_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TUR/22_2894_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Communiqué covers product definitions, compositions criteria and labelling requirements of Semolina.  The current communiqué, Turkish Food Codex- Communiqué on Semolina (2002/21), is still in force in Turkey. In accordance with the national legislation, this draft communiqué will enter into force on the date of publication and replace the current communiqué. The current Turkish Food Codex Semolina Communiqué and the new draft require that only durum wheat ( <i>Triticum durum</i> ) must be used in semolina production. <i>Triticum aestivum</i> should not be used in semolina production. However, it is quite likely that <i>Triticum aestivum</i> might be found in durum wheat either from fields or harvesting machines.  Considering the scientific studies on the subject, the limit of <i>Triticum aestivum</i> that might be found in semolina was determined as 3% in the Communiqué draft.  A transitional period is foreseen for the compliance with the new provisions.
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Standard For Durum Wheat Semolina and Durum Wheat Flour CXS 178-1991 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b>

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> The current communiqué, Turkish Food Codex- Communiqué on Semolina (2002/21), is still in force in Turkey. The only significant change between the new draft and the old is the limit for <i>Triticum aestivum</i>. There are differences draft Communiqué and Codex standard in terms of protein, ash, sieve analysis criteria and semolina classification. These differences are due to national needs and have been implemented since 2002.</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The Law on Veterinary Services, Phytosanitary, Food and Feed, Law No. 5996 (G/SPS/N/TUR/9) (available in Turkish)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 December 2022</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 January 2023</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This communiqué will enter into force on the date of publication. However, food business operators operating before the publication date of this Communiqué must comply with the provisions of this Communiqué until 31 December 2022.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2022</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. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Food and Control Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu Ankara - Turkey Tel: +(90) 312 258 77 56 Fax: +(90) 312 258 77 60 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kodeks@tarimorman.gov.tr">kodeks@tarimorman.gov.tr</a> Website: <a href="https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/460/Mevzuat-Taslagi-Tgk-Makarna-Ve-Irmik-Tebliqleri">https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/460/Mevzuat-Taslagi-Tgk-Makarna-Ve-Irmik-Tebliqleri</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Food and Control Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu Ankara - Turkey Tel: +(90) 312 258 77 56 Fax: +(90) 312 258 77 60 E-mail: <a href="mailto:kodeks@tarimorman.gov.tr">kodeks@tarimorman.gov.tr</a> Website: <a href="https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/460/Mevzuat-Taslagi-Tgk-Makarna-Ve-Irmik-Tebliqleri">https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/460/Mevzuat-Taslagi-Tgk-Makarna-Ve-Irmik-Tebliqleri</a></p>