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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UKRAINE</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- 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): Quick-frozen food products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Draft Order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine "On approval of Hygienic requirements for quick-frozen food products intended for human consumption". **Language(s):** Ukrainian. **Number of pages:** 7

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6. **Description of content:** The draft Order:

- 1) introduces the definition of quick-frozen food products in the legislation of Ukraine;
- 2) establishes general principles that have to be met by quick-frozen food products;
- determines the level of temperature that has to be maintained at the facilities engaged in handling, storage, warehousing, transportation and/or circulation of quick-frozen food products;
- 4) establishes the requirements for freezing equipment and the list of cryogenic substances (liquids) allowed to be used for quick freezing of food products;
- 5) establishes the peculiarities of labeling of quick-frozen food products.

Food products that complied with the requirements of the legislation on safety and certain food quality indicators, which was in force before the entry into force of this order, but do not meet the requirements of this order, may be produced and/or put into circulation within three years after the entry into force of this order and be in circulation until the minimum expiration date.

The draft Order is designed to implement Commission Regulation (EC) No 37/2005 of 12 January 2005 on the monitoring of temperatures in the means of transport, warehousing and storage of quick-frozen foodstuffs intended for human consumption, Council Directive 89/108/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to quick-frozen foodstuffs for human consumption.

Given the existence of provisions on the labelling of quick-frozen food products, the draft Order is also notified in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*):
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes []No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- **9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Laws of Ukraine "On the Basic Principles and Requirements for Food Safety and Quality", "On Consumer Information on Food" (available in Ukrainian)
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** To be determined.

Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.

- **11. Proposed date of entry into force:** [] **Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** *(dd/mm/yy)*: The Order will come into force from the date of its official publication and will be enacted in one year from the date of its official publication.
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- **12.** Final date for comments: **[X]** Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 31 December 2022

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