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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): Food products
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 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the food additive stearyl tartrate (E 483) (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 6 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_10482_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/EEC/23_10482_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The text removes the authorisation to use stearyl tartrate (E 483) in foods based on the recent scientific opinion from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) concluding that the safety of stearyl tartrate (E 483) could not be assessed. In order to allow for a smooth transition, the text lays down that foods that contain stearyl tartrate (E 483) used in accordance with the rules applicable before the date of application of the Regulation may continue to be marketed until their date of minimum durability or 'use-by date'.
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 Food Additives – Codex Stan 192-1995 <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): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<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>	
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: EFSA FAF Panel (EFSA Panel on Food Additives and Flavourings), Younes M, Aquilina G, Castle L, Engel K-H, Fowler P, Frutos Fernandez MJ, Fürst P, Gürtler R, Gundert-Remy U, Husøy T, Mennes W, Shah R, Waalkens-Berendsen DH, Wölfle D, Boon P, Tobback P, Wright M, Rincon AM, Tard A and Moldeus P, 2020. Re-evaluation of stearyl tartrate (E 483) as a food additive. EFSA Journal 2020;18(3):6033, 18 pp https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2020.6033 https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/6033 (available in English)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Foreseen for Q3 2023. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Foreseen for Q3 2023.</p>
11.	<p>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 (with transitional provisions for a six-month period). <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 21 August 2023 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <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: European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>