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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

1.	Notifying Member: NORTH MACEDONIA  If applicable, name of local government involved:		
2.	Agency responsible: Food and Veterinary Agency of the Republic of North Macedonia		
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): Products of animal origin		
4.	Regio	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:	
	[X]	All trading partners	
	[]	Specific regions or countries:	
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Rulebook on the manner of performing official controls of food of animal origin. <b>Language(s):</b> Macedonian. <b>Number of pages:</b> 91 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/MKD/23">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/MKD/23</a> 12834 00 x.pdf		
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Rulebook lays down specific rules concerning the performance of the official controls by official veterinarians of food of animal origin intended for human consumption		
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 the	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:	
	[X]	Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat (CAC/RCP 58-2005), Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (CAC/RCP 52-2003)	
	[X]	World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapters 6.1 and 6.2 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code	
	[]	International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):	
	[]	None	
	Does	this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?	
	[X] Yes [] No		
		o, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the national standard:	

## 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624 of 8 February 2019 concerning specific rules for the performance of official controls on the production of meat and for production and relaying areas of live bivalve molluscs in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 of 15 March 2019 laying down uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards official controls;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1709 of 23 September 2021 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 as regards uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on products of animal origin.
- Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Anticipated by the end of 2023.
   Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Anticipated by the end of 2023.
- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): One day after its publication in the Official Journal (OJ) of North Macedonia.
  - [] Trade facilitating measure
- **12.** Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): The Rulebook is in government procedure for adoption.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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