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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | Notifying Member: TÜRKİYE If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control |
| 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): Lentils |
| 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: Turkish Food Codex - Communiqué on Lentil. Language(s): Turkish. Number of pages: 4 https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/558/Mevzuat-Taslagi-Tgk-Mercimek-Tebligi https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TUR/24_02057_00_x.pdf |
| 6. | Description of content: This Communiqué covers product definitions and features, quality criteria and labelling requirements of lentils. Currently, Turkish Food Codex - Communiqué on Lentil (2003/25) is in force in Türkiye. This draft communiqué will enter into force on the date of publication and replace the current communiqué. The content of the Communiqué has been drafted without making any changes in the main issues, only the references to the legislation and the names of the Ministries have been adjusted according to the current situation. A transitional period is foreseen for the compliance with the new provisions. |
| 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): Standart for Certain Pulses CXS 171-1989 <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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

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| <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: The Codex standard covers pulses for direct human consumption. The draft communiqué covers lentil varieties for direct human consumption and lentils for industrial processing and classification.</p> <p>In the draft Communiqué, a lower moisture content (12%-14%) has been set according to the Codex standard, taking into account the climatic conditions of our country.</p> <p>The Codex standard does not allow the presence of live insects and the tolerance value for dead insects and impurities of animal origin is maximum 0.1%, for total impurities maximum 1% and for inorganic impurities maximum 0.25%. Taking into account consumer habits and customary commercial practices, the presence of live insects and impurities of animal origin is not permitted in the draft Communiqué. In addition, while higher tolerance values have been determined for the total amount of foreign matter and inorganic foreign matter in lentils subjected to industrial processing and classification compared to the Codex standard, tolerance values for lentils to be offered directly for human consumption are lower than the Codex standard.</p> <p>According to the draft communiqué, products can be treated with vegetable oils to make them look brighter in line with consumer demands.</p> |
| <p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Veterinary, Phytosanitary, Food and Feed Law No: 5996 (G/SPS/N/TUR/9)</p> |
| <p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 September 2024 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30 September 2024</p> |
| <p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 September 2024. This Communiqué enters into force on the date of its publication. Food operators operating before the publication date of this Communiqué must comply with the provisions of this Communiqué until 31 December 2025. After 31 December 2025, products not complying with this Communiqué cannot be placed on the market.</p> <p>[] Trade facilitating measure</p> |
| <p>12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 June 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Food and Control Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu Ankara - Türkiye Tel: +(90) 312 258 77 53 Fax: +(90) 312 258 77 60 E-mail: sps@tarimorman.gov.tr Website: https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM</p> |
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