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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** TÜRKIYE
	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):** Cream, kaymak (Kaymak is a traditional dairy product similar to clotted cream)
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:** Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Cream and Kaymak. **Language(s):** Turkish. **Number of pages:** 8 https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/559/Mevzuat-Taslagi-Tgk-Krema-Ve-Kaymak-Tebligi https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TUR/24_02107_00_x.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** This Communiqué covers product characteristics of cream and kaymak in order to ensure that they are produced, prepared, processed, transported, stored and supplied to the market.
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:** **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission** *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)***:** Standard For Cream And Prepared Creams CXS 288-1976 **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)** *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)***:** **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention** *(e.g. ISPM number)***:** **[ ] None** **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[ ] Yes [X] No** **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Cream and Kaymak (Communiqué No: 2003/34) has been in force since 27 September 2003. There is a need

to update the legislation. In the draft Communiqué, additions have been made to the definitions and product specifications in line with the Turkish consumers' habits. In addition, labelling requirements have been updated to protect consumers.

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)

10.   **Proposed date of adoption** *(dd/mm/yy)***:** 31 December 2024

    Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)***:** 31 December 2024

11.   **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** *(dd/mm/yy)***:** 31 December 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 2024. Products produced before 31 December 2024 may be available on the market until the end of their shelf life.

    [ ]   **Trade facilitating measure**

12.   **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or** *(dd/mm/yy)***:** 5 June 2024

    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:

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