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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UKRAINE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Committee on Agrarian and Land Policy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
<b>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):</b> Cotton seeds
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine on the Circulation of Cotton Varieties in Ukraine". <b>Language(s):</b> Ukrainian. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="https://itd.rada.gov.ua/billInfo/Bills/CardByRn?regNum=10427-1&amp;conv=9">https://itd.rada.gov.ua/billInfo/Bills/CardByRn?regNum=10427-1&amp;conv=9</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UKR/24_02309_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/UKR/24_02309_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The draft Law provides for simplification of the procedures for import and placing into circulation of cotton varieties in Ukraine during the period of martial law and three years following its termination or cancellation.  The draft Law amends Section IX "Final Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On Seeds and Planting Material" with a provision, according to which, for the period of martial law in Ukraine and for 36 months after its termination or cancellation, placing into circulation of cotton seeds varieties and their use is allowed without certification of seed material.  The draft Law also proposes amendments to Section VI "Final Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On the State Biosafety System in the Creation, Testing, Transportation and Use of Genetically Modified Organisms", according to which temporarily, for the period of martial law in Ukraine and within 36 months after its termination or cancellation, there will be no requirement for state registration of GMOs and obtaining permits as stipulated by this Law for import, research, state approbation (testing), industrial production, and placing into circulation of genetically modified cotton as well as products manufactured with its use.  The draft Law is also notified under the TBT Agreement.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Laws of Ukraine "On Seeds and Planting Material", "On the State Biosafety System in the Creation, Testing, Transportation and Use of Genetically Modified Organisms" (available in Ukrainian)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> This Law will enter into force on the day following its publication. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 27 May 2024</p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Economy of Ukraine Department for Trade Agreements and Export Development 12/2 Hrushevskoho Str. Kyiv, 01008 Tel: +(38 044) 596 6839 Fax: +(38 044) 596 6839 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ep@me.gov.ua">ep@me.gov.ua</a> Website: <a href="https://www.me.gov.ua">https://www.me.gov.ua</a></p>
<p><b>13. 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:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Economy of Ukraine Department for Trade Agreements and Export Development 12/2 Hrushevskoho Str. Kyiv, 01008 Tel: +(38 044) 596 6839 Fax: +(38 044) 596 6839 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ep@me.gov.ua">ep@me.gov.ua</a> Website: <a href="https://www.me.gov.ua">https://www.me.gov.ua</a></p>