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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: National Agency for Food Safety
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): Cocoa and cocoa preparations (HS code(s): 18)
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 Government Decision on the amendment of Government Decision No 204/2009 on the approval of the Technical Regulation "Confectionery products". Language(s): Romanian. Number of pages: 6 https://particip.gov.md/ru/document/stages/ministerul-agriculturii-si-industriei-alimentare-prezinta-pentru-consultari-publice-proiectul-de-hotarare-privind-modificarea-hotararii-guvernului-nr2042009-cu-privire-la-aprobarea-reglementarii-tehnice-produse-de-cofetarie-nr-unic-225maia2024/12264 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/MDA/24_02591_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: This Draft Government Decision concerns with the inclusion of the requirement for a quality certificate issued by the producer: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The modification and supplementation of Annex No. 1 with organoleptic characteristics for various types of chocolate;- The modification and supplementation of Annex No. 2 with physico-chemical indicators for chocolate and cocoa powder;- The repeal of Annex No. 3 "Declaration of Conformity." The draft GD also transposes the provisions of the EU Directive 2000/36/EC relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption and incorporates the Codex Stan 87-1981 (amended in: 2016, 2022) concerning the standards for chocolate and chocolate products and the Codex Stan 105-1981 (amended in: 2010, 2013, 2016, 2022) for cocoa powder and dry cocoa and sugar blends.
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 Stan 87-1981 (amended in: 2016, 2022) concerning the standards for chocolate and chocolate products and Codex Stan 105-1981 (amended in: 2010, 2013, 2016, 2022) for cocoa powder and dry cocoa and sugar blends

<p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 14 June 2024 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 17 June 2024</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 May 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Mrs. Diana Gherman Head of International Relations and European Integration Department National Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Moldova Str. Mihail Kogălniceanu 63 Chisinau, MD 2009 Tel: +(373) 2229 4709 E-mail: diana.gherman@ansa.gov.md notificari.omc@ansa.gov.md</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Mrs. Diana Gherman Head of International Relations and European Integration Department National Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Moldova Str. Mihail Kogălniceanu 63 Chisinau, MD 2009 Tel: +(373) 2229 4709 E-mail: diana.gherman@ansa.gov.md notificari.omc@ansa.gov.md</p>