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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
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): All types of ready-to-eat foodstuffs
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 Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 as regards <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 6 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_03288_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/EEC/24_03288_01_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The notified document consists of a draft text updating the <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> food safety criterion laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs. The objective of the draft text is to ensure an appropriate level of public health protection as regards the placing on the EU market of ready-to-eat foods, other than those intended for infants and for special medical purposes, that are able to support the growth of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and for which the producing food business operator has not been able to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the competent authority, that the level of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> will not exceed the limit of 100 cfu/g throughout their shelf-life.
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): CXG 61-2007 (Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of <i>Listeria Monocytogenes</i> in Foods) <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?

<p>[X] Yes [] 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): Fourth quarter of 2024</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Fourth quarter of 2024</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 January 2026</p> <p>[] Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 July 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>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>