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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): Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS code(s): 07); Edible fruit and nuts; Peel of citrus fruit or melons (HS code(s): 08); Coffee, tea, maté and spices (HS code(s): 09); Cereals (HS code(s): 10); Products of the milling industry; Malt; Starches; Inulin; Wheat gluten (HS code(s): 11); Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; Miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; Industrial or medicinal plants; Straw and fodder (HS code(s): 12); Lac; Gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts (HS code(s): 13); Animal, vegetable or microbial fats and oils and their cleavage products; Prepared edible fats; Animal or vegetable waxes (HS code(s): 15); Sugars and sugar confectionery (HS code(s): 17); Cocoa and cocoa preparations (HS code(s): 18); Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; Pastrycooks' products (HS code(s): 19); Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (HS code(s): 20); Miscellaneous edible preparations (HS code(s): 21); Beverages, spirits and vinegar (HS code(s): 22); Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder (HS code(s): 23); Salt; Sulphur; Earths and stone; Plastering materials, lime and cement (HS code(s): 25); Essential oils and resinoids; Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations (HS code(s): 33)
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: Law No. 306/2018 on food safety (the amendments to the Law are approved by the art. IX, point 10 of the Law No. 373/2023 on the amendment of some normative acts (regarding the facilitation of activity in the food field)). Language(s): Romanian. Number of pages: 22 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/MDA/24_03056_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The Law aims to achieve a high level of protection of human health and consumer interests in relation to food safety, taking into account the diversity of the supply of food products, including traditional products, ensuring the efficient functioning of the national market. The amended Art. 22, paragraph 2 of the Law 306/2018 - Export of food products and feed for animals from the Republic of Moldova states the following: (2) At the request of the food operator, the National Food Safety Agency certifies the safety of food products intended for export or re-export by issuing a HEALTH CERTIFICATE. The HEALTH CERTIFICATE is issued following the results of laboratory tests carried out by the reference laboratory or an accredited laboratory, which confirm the conformity of the food products with the food regulations of the exporting country. When performing the laboratory tests, the samples are taken by the authority issuing the certificate. The HEALTH CERTIFICATE model is presented in annex no. 2.

	<p>The scope of the amended provisions is the harmonization of the national legislation with the Regulation (EC) no. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union of 28 January 2002 establishing the principles and general requirements of food legislation, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and establishing procedures in the field of food safety, published in the Official Journal of the European Union L 31 of 1 February 2002, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2017/745.</p>
7.	<p>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.</p>
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): General standard for the labelling of prepackaged foods CXS 1-1985</p> <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?</p> <p><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>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 November 2023</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 22 December 2023</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 February 2024</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</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 Department National Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Moldova Str. Mihail Kogălniceanu 63 Chisinau, MD 2009 E-mail: diana.gherman@ansa.gov.md notificari.omc@ansa.gov.md</p>
13.	<p>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 Department National Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Moldova Str. Mihail Kogălniceanu 63 Chisinau, MD 2009 E-mail: diana.gherman@ansa.gov.md notificari.omc@ansa.gov.md</p>