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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **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): Multiple commodities
- 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: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1662 of 11 June 2024 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 25

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**6. Description of content:** Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 lays down rules concerning the temporary increase of official controls upon entry into the Union on certain food and feed of non-animal origin from certain third countries (in Annex I); special import conditions for certain food and feed from certain third countries due to the contamination risk by mycotoxins, including aflatoxins, pesticide residues, pentachlorophenol and dioxins and microbiological contamination (in Annex II - increased official border controls and official certificate accompanied by the results of sampling and analysis in the third country).

This Implementing Regulation amends Annexes I and II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 by introducing the following changes:

- Inclusion in Annex I of eggplants (*Solanum aethiopicum*) from Burkina Faso due to risk of contamination by pesticide residues;
- Delisting from Annex I (and thus, from the Regulation) of Brazil nuts in shell and mixtures of Brazil nuts or dried fruits containing Brazil nuts in Shell from Brazil, groundnuts and products produced from groundnuts from Brazil, groundnuts and products produced from groundnuts from The Gambia, locust beans (carob), locust beans seeds, not decorticated, crushed or ground and mucilages and thickeners, whether or not modified, derived from locust beans or locust beans seeds from India and guar gum from India, instant noodles containing spices/seasonings or sauces from South Korea, peppers of genus Capsicum (other than sweet) from Pakistan, groundnuts and products produced from groundnuts from Sudan, locust beans (carob), locust beans seeds, not decorticated, crushed or ground and mucilages and thickeners, whether or not modified, derived from locust beans or locust beans seeds from Türkiye and instant noodles containing spices/seasonings or sauces from Viet Nam;

- Decrease in the frequency of identity and physical checks laid down in Annex I for hazelnuts and products produced from hazelnuts from Georgia (aflatoxins – 20%), spice mixes from Pakistan (aflatoxins – 30%) and grapefruits from Türkiye pesticide residues – 20%);
- Increase in the frequency of identity and physical checks laid down in Annex I for betel leaves (*Piper betle* L.) from India (*Salmonella* 50%) and drumsticks (*Moringa oleifera*) from India (pesticide residues 30%);
- Removal from Annex I and inclusion in Annex II of Gotukola (*Centella asiatica*) from Sri Lanka (pesticide residues – 50%) and peppers of the genus *Capsicum* (other than sweet) from Vietnam (pesticide residues – 50%);
- Removal from Annex II and inclusion in Annex I of yearlong beans from Dominican Republic (pesticide residues 30%), groundnuts and products produced from groundnuts from Ghana (aflatoxins 50%), mixtures of food additives containing locust bean gum or guar gum, vanilla and cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems) from India (ethylene oxide 20%), mixtures of food additives containing locust bean gum from Malaysia (ethylene oxide 30%) and mixtures of food additives containing locyst bean gum from Türkiye (ethylene oxide 30%);
- Increase in the frequency of identity and physical checks laid down in Annex II for nutmeg (*Myristica fragrans*) from Indonesia (aflatoxins – 50%), nutmeg, mace and cardamon from India (ethylene oxide – 30%), sesamum seeds from Uganda (Salmonella – 30%) and pitahaya (dragon fruit) from Vietnam (pesticide residues – 30%);
- Decrease in the frequency of identity and physical checks laid down in Annex II for pepper of the genus *Piper*, dried or crushed or ground fruit of the *Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta* and ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices from Ethiopia (aflatoxins 30%), dried figs and products produced from dried figs from Türkiye (aflatoxins 20%), pistachios and products produced from pistachios from Türkiye (aflatoxins 30%) and pistachios and derived products originating in the United States and dispatched to the Union from Türkiye (aflatoxins 30%).
- 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:

  [1] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Code
  - [ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
  - [ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
  - [ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
  - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 669/2009, (EU) No 884/2014, (EU) 2015/175, (EU) 2017/186 and (EU) 2018/1660 (Text with EEA relevance) (OJ L 277, 29 October 2019, p. 89) (available in English)

- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 11 June 2024
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- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 2 July 2024
  - [ ] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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