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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>GEORGIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA)
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 kind of food, feed, animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products
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: On the approval of "Rules for state control and other official activities in the fields of food/animal feed safety, veterinary and plant protection". Language(s): Georgian. Number of pages: 129 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/GEO/24_06728_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: <p>This Regulation lays down rules for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">the performance of official controls and other official activities by the competent authorities;the financing of official controls;the administrative assistance and cooperation;the adoption of conditions to be fulfilled with respect to animals and goods entering Georgia;the establishment of a computerised information system to manage information and data in relation to official controls. <p>This Regulation shall apply to the official controls performed for the verification of compliance with the rules, established in Georgia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">food and food safety, integrity and wholesomeness at any stage of production, processing and distribution of food, including rules aimed at ensuring fair practices in trade and protecting consumer interests and information, and the manufacture and use of materials and articles intended to come into contact with food;deliberate release into the environment of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) for the purpose of food and feed production;feed and feed safety at any stage of production, processing and distribution of feed and the use of feed, including rules aimed at ensuring fair practices in trade and protecting consumer health, interests and information;animal health requirements;prevention and minimisation of risks to human and animal health arising from animal by-products and derived products;

<p>(f) welfare requirements for animals; (g) protective measures against pests of plants; (h) requirements for the placing on the market and use of plant protection products and the sustainable use of pesticides, with the exception of pesticides application equipment; (i) organic production and labelling of organic products; (j) use and labelling of protected designations of origin, protected geographical indications and traditional specialities guaranteed.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input 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>This rule is elaborated under DCFTA agreement according to consolidated text: Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation) (Text with EEA relevance) (available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 24 December 2024</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 10 January 2025</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 December 2024</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

12. Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 December 2024

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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