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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: EUROPEAN UNION
 - 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): Food of animal origin
- 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 Regulation (EU) 2024/2858 of 12 November 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1871 as regards the application of reference points for action for nitrofurans and their metabolites in collagen (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English, French and Spanish. Number of pages: 2

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6. Description of content: Regulation (EU) 2019/1871 establishes reference points for action (RPA) for certain non-allowed pharmacologically active substances present in food of animal origin.

The illegal treatment of food by nitrofurans and their metabolites results in findings of several metabolites present in one sample. Based on the available information, the presence of the nitrofuran metabolite semicarbazide (SEM) in certain processed products (gelatine, collagen hydrolysate, hydrolysed cartilage products, spray dried blood products, whey and milk protein concentrates, caseinates and milk powder) may arise during processing from naturally occurring compounds and is not related to an illegal treatment by nitrofurans. These foods, with the exception of infant formulae and follow-on formulae, are therefore exempted from the application of the RPA to findings where only SEM is present in these processed products. If other nitrofuran metabolites would be present in the sample, together with SEM, the exemption would not be applicable.

Evidence has been provided that SEM is also formed during the production of collagen, therefore collagen is added to the exempted products.

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.

Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: 8. 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: Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 12 November 2024 10. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 13 November 2024 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 December 2024 [X] 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 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: **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 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: 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