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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 & Consumers Directorate-General Directorate Directorate E – Safety of the food chain
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): Genetically modified plants (GM plants) for food/feed uses, food/feed containing or consisting of GM plants and food/feed produced from GM plants
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: <i>"Draft Commission Regulation on implementing rules concerning applications for authorisation of genetically modified food and feed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations No (EC) 641/2004 and (EC) No 1981/2006"</i> Language: English Number of pages: 66 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2010/sps/EEC/10_0372_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The draft Regulation introduces implementing rules concerning applications for authorisation for the placing onto the market of genetically modified food and feed. It provides for rules on the preparation and presentation of the application as well as for the requirements for the risk assessment, post-market monitoring regarding food and feed, methods of detection and identification and reference material as defined by Regulation 1829/2003 on GM food and feed.
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) Guideline for the Conduct of Food Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Recombinant-DNA Plants (CAC/GL 45-2003); Codex principles and guidelines on foods derived from biotechnology.

<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? <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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed, OJ L 268, 18 October 2003 http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:L:2003:268:SOM:EN:HTML</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EC) No 641/2004 of 6 April 2004 on detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the application for the authorisation of new genetically modified food and feed, the notification of existing products and adventitious or technically unavoidable presence of genetically modified material which has benefited from a favourable risk evaluation, OJ L 102, 7 April 2004 http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:L:2004:102:SOM:EN:HTML</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EC) No 1981/2006 on detailed rules for the implementation of Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Community reference laboratory for genetically modified organisms http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:368:SOM:EN:HTML</p> <p>Also information relevant to this proposal can be found on the website of DG Health and Consumers at: http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biotechnology/gmo_authorisation_en.htm</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): May 2010</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): May 2010</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): June 2010</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 March 2010</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" 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>sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input checked="" 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>sps@ec.europa.eu</p>