



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
<b>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):</b> Horizontal measure
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 of 31 March on temporary measures to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare during certain serious disruptions of Member States' control systems due to Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English, French, Spanish. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_2299_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_2299_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_2299_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_2299_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_2299_00_s.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_2299_00_s.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Temporary flexibility option for control authorities to use <i>inter alia</i> remote communication and electronically submitted documents for checks, in view of the situation linked to COVID-19.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 March 2020 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 31 March 2020
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2020 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable. <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(322) 29 54263 Fax: +(322) 29 98090 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(322) 29 54263 Fax: +(322) 29 98090 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@ec.europa.eu">sps@ec.europa.eu</a>