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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

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| <b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>AFGHANISTAN</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| <b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministries of Public Health and Agriculture irrigation and Livestock  |
| <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> Food  |
| <b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners<br><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:   |
| <b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Law on Food Safety <b>Language(s):</b> Dari/Pashto<br><b>Number of pages:</b> 30  |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> Pursuant to Articles 11, 13 and 14 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, this Law provides the conditions to protect human health and life; improve the livelihood of citizens and food safety; ensure the safety of imported, exported, and domestic produced foods; and to ensure the provision of safe and quality food; in accordance with international obligations including relevant WTO agreements.<br><br>The Law contains a total of six chapters, comprising 30 articles, dealing with:<br>I. General Provisions;<br>II. Food Safety Control Responsibility;<br>III. Food and its Trade Requirements;<br>IV. Inspections;<br>V. Penalties; and<br>VI. Miscellaneous. |
| <b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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><br><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)<br><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)<br><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None<br><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><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> 28 July 2016<br><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 15 August 2016   |
| <b>11.</b>  | <b>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 28 July 2016<br><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure  |
| <b>12.</b>  | <b>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable<br><br><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> nationalenquirypoint.af@gmail.com |
| <b>13.</b>  | <b>Text(s) 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:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Ahmad Faridon: ahmad.faridon@mail.gov.af</li> <li>- Abdul Hadi Qarluq: hadi.qarluq@mail.gov.af</li> </ul>   |