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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
3.	<b>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 intended for human consumption
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Options for Reducing Burden for Micro and Small Businesses <b>Language(s):</b> English and French <b>Number of pages:</b> 12 and 14
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> In response to comments received during consultations on <i>A New Regulatory Framework for Federal Food Inspection: Overview of Proposed Regulations</i> (G/SPS/N/CAN/700/Rev.1 notified on 5 June 2014), Canada has released a discussion paper: Options for Reducing Burden for Micro and Small Businesses.  This discussion paper is aimed at bettering the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) understanding of the food safety challenges and costs that micro and small businesses face, and to seek their feedback on options that could reduce the burden associated with certain requirements. The CFIA is also interested in hearing about the types of tools, guidance resources and support that would assist these businesses in producing safe and compliant food. Small businesses are those that generate \$100,000 or less in annual food gross sales. Microbusinesses have annual food gross sales of \$30,000 or less.  Current options in consideration for reducing burden include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Full or partial exemptions from certain requirements (where safety is not impacted);</li><li>– Cost accommodation;</li><li>– Additional time to comply with requirements.</li></ul> Responses received as a result of this consultation will be considered in the proposed regulations under the Safe Food for Canadians Act (SFCA) and pre-published with an additional opportunity to provide comments.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>A New Regulatory Framework for Federal Food Inspection: Overview of Proposed Regulations:</p> <p><a href="http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/accountability/consultations/federal-food-inspection/eng/1400782729114/1400782730114">http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/accountability/consultations/federal-food-inspection/eng/1400782729114/1400782730114</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="http://www.inspection.gc.ca/au-sujet-de-l-acia/responsabilisation/consultations/inspection-federale-des-aliments/fra/1400782729114/1400782730114">http://www.inspection.gc.ca/au-sujet-de-l-acia/responsabilisation/consultations/inspection-federale-des-aliments/fra/1400782729114/1400782730114</a> (French)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 June 2015</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input 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>Comments can be submitted directly to: CFIA-Modernisation-ACIA@inspection.gc.ca</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input 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>The electronic version of the proposed policy document can be downloaded at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/acts-and-regulations/regulatory-initiatives/sfca/food-safety-systems/consultation/new-regulatory-framework/eng/1426532864329/1426532917582">http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/acts-and-regulations/regulatory-initiatives/sfca/food-safety-systems/consultation/new-regulatory-framework/eng/1426532864329/1426532917582</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="http://www.inspection.gc.ca/au-sujet-de-l-acia/lois-et-reglements/initiatives-reglementaires/lac/systemes-de-salubrite-des-aliments/consultations/nouveau-cadre-de-reglementation/fra/1426532864329/1426532917582">http://www.inspection.gc.ca/au-sujet-de-l-acia/lois-et-reglements/initiatives-reglementaires/lac/systemes-de-salubrite-des-aliments/consultations/nouveau-cadre-de-reglementation/fra/1426532864329/1426532917582</a> (French)</p>