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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>GERMANY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Food and Agriculture
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): Winter grain seed exposed to pesticide containing Clothianidin, Imidacloprid or Thiamethoxam
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: Regulation on the marketing and the sowing of seeds for winter crops treated with certain pesticides Language(s): German (English and French: available shortly) Number of pages: 1 http://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/04_Pflanzenschutzmittel/rechtsgrundlagen/02_national/Pflanzenschutz_Getreidesaatgut_Anwendungsverordnung.pdf
6.	Description of content: Seeds for winter crops, which has been treated with a pesticide which comprises the active ingredient Clothianidin, Imidacloprid or Thiamethoxam or containing such active substance or which such pesticides adheres, should not be imported or placed on the market. Objective of the Regulation is to prevent Bees from hazardous contamination
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The treatment of seed with Clothianidin, Imidacloprid or Thiamethoxam is already prohibited in Germany. Urgent action is needed in order to prevent bees from toxication from the relevant substances since the circulation and sowing of winter grain seed will start in very near future. In the absence of a European Commission decision covering winter cereals, to establish a safeguard measure in accordance with the provisions of Article 71 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC.

9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</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>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>Plant Protection Act from 6 February 2012 §19 paragraph 2, §32 paragraph 4 number 1 each in conjunction with §72 and §1 paragraph 2 of the Responsibility Amendment Act from 16 August 2002 and the organisational decree from 17 December 2013 (available in German)</p> <p>http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pflschg_2012/</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</p> <p>21 July 2015</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>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:</p> <p>Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Division 512, Rochustr. 1, 52123 Bonn; E-mail: 512@bmel.bund.de; Tel: +(49 228) 99529 4661</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Division 512, Rochustr. 1, 52123 Bonn; E-mail: 512@bmel.bund.de; Tel: +(49 228) 99529 4661</p> <p>http://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/04_Pflanzenschutzmittel/rechtsgrundlagen/02_national/Pflanzenschutz_Getreidesaatgut_Anwendungsverordnung.pdf</p>