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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
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 products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards Cochineal, Carminic acid, Carmines (E 120) (Text with EEA relevance). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/EEC/18_2141_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/EEC/18_2141_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/EEC/18_2141_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/EEC/18_2141_01_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The text amends the title and the specifications for Cochineal, Carminic acid, Carmines (E 120) as a follow up to the recommendations made in the EFSA opinion re-evaluating safety of this food additive. Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 (Union list of food additives approved for use in foods and conditions of use) and the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 (specifications for food additives) are amended accordingly.
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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Codex General Standard For Food Additives – Codex Stan 192-1995 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

	<p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> The proposed regulation further aligns the specifications in certain aspects with the JECFA specifications (e.g. introducing the purity criteria and aligning with the limits for total ash, protein, matter insoluble in dilute ammonia and microbiological criteria) on the other hand it deviates as regards the limits for toxic elements (arsenic, lead, mercury and cadmium), amendment of the title of the food additive and inclusion of 4-aminocarminic acid in the specifications as a follow up to the recommendations made in the scientific opinion of EFSA.</p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Scientific Opinion on the re-evaluation of cochineal, carminic acid, carmines (E 120) as a food additive (European Food Safety Authority, EFSA Journal 2015;13(11):4288 [66 pp.] <a href="http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/4288">http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/4288</a></p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> August 2018  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> August 2018</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.  <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 19 June 2018  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. 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: +(32 2) 29 54263          Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090          E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
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