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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | <b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>   |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Consumers 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> Novel foods   |
| 4. | <b>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:   |
| 5. | <b>Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods <b>Language(s):</b> English and French <b>Number of pages:</b> 51 and 55<br><a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/EEC/13_4955_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/EEC/13_4955_00_e.pdf</a><br><a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/EEC/13_4955_00_f.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/EEC/13_4955_00_f.pdf</a>  |
| 6. | <b>Description of content:</b> The proposed regulation repeals Regulation (EC) No 258/97 on Novel Foods. It creates in the European Union (EU) a centralised authorisation system, with a scientific risk assessment based on food safety and a Commission authorisation decision for the placing of novel foods on the EU market. It provides greater certainty, simplifies and speeds up the authorisation process for applicants thereby reducing administrative burden and costs.<br><br>The proposed regulation also introduces an appropriate authorisation process for foods, which are new in the European Union but are traditional in third countries. If a history of safe food use can be demonstrated in a third country and there are no food safety objections from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) or EU member States the food will be allowed to be placed on the EU market on the basis of a notification from the third country's food business operators. |
| 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><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)  |

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| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b><br/> <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>   |
| <p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>To be repealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulation (EC) No 258/97 on Novel Food</li> <li>• Regulation (EC) No 1852/2001 on rules for making certain information available to the public and for the protection of information submitted pursuant Regulation (EC) No 258/97</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>10. 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>  |
| <p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> On the twentieth day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. Transitional periods are foreseen.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>  |
| <p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 120 days from the circulation of this notification.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>European Commission<br/>         DG Health and Consumers, Unit G6-Multilateral International Relations<br/>         Rue Froissart 101, B-1049 Brussels<br/>         Tel: +(32 2) 295 42 93<br/>         Fax: +(32 2) 299 80 90<br/>         E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p> |
| <p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>European Commission<br/>         DG Health and Consumers, Unit G6-Multilateral International Relations<br/>         Rue Froissart 101, B-1049 Brussels<br/>         Tel: +(32 2) 295 42 93<br/>         Fax: +(32 2) 299 80 90<br/>         E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>  |