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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Consumers Directorate-General
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): Caramel colours (INS 150a-d)
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: Commission Regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of caramel colours (E 150a-d) in beer and malt beverages Language(s): English Number of pages: 4+2 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/EEC/14_1107_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/EEC/14_1107_01_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: Caramel colours (INS 150a-d) are food colours currently approved for use in the European Union in defined food categories in accordance with good manufacturing practice. In 2012 the European Food Safety Authority issued a statement outlining a possible exceedance of the Acceptable Daily Intake for ammonia caramel (INS 150c). The subcategory 14.2.1 "Beer and malt beverages" was identified as the main contributor. Therefore, it is appropriate to establish maximum use levels for ammonia caramel (E 150c) in food subcategory 14.2.1 "Beer and malt beverages" to guarantee a high level of protection of human health. Furthermore, a request was received for the use of caramel colours (E 150a-d) in malt beverages. Caramel colours are permitted only in beer and beer is not defined in the EU legislation. Therefore, a particular product classified as beer in one member State could be classified as a malt beverage in another. This situation has a negative impact on the internal market and hinders the free movement of these products. Therefore, it is appropriate to authorise the use of caramel colours in malt beverages.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) CODEX STAN 192-1995</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: CODEX STAN 192-1995 permits the use of INS 150c at 50,000 mg/kg. Due to the possible exceedance of the ADI the limit in the European Union was established at 6,000 mg/kg in general and at 9,500 mg/kg for certain specific products.</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): May 2014</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): May 2014</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 days after publication.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 May 2014</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:</p> <p>European Commission DG Health and Consumers, Unit G6-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>
13.	<p>Texts 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:</p> <p>European Commission DG Health and Consumers, Unit G6-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>