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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: GHANA If applicable, name of local government involved: Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovations
2.	Agency responsible: National Biosafety Authority
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): Genetic materials and genetically modified organisms (HS Code: 30029040), Genetic materials and genetically modified organisms under control of sensitive items (HS Code: 3002904010), Other genetic materials and genetically modified organisms (HS Code: 3002904090)
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: Draft Biosafety (Management of Biotechnology) Regulations, 2018. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 23 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/GHA/18_6095_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/GHA/18_6095_01_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: Procedures and arrangement of regulations in the management of genetically modified organisms: a) to ensure an adequate level of protection in the field of safe development, transfer, handling and use of genetically modified organisms resulting from biotechnology that may have an adverse effect on health and the environment; and b) to establish a transparent and a predictable process to review and make decisions on genetically modified organisms.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: http://extwprlegs1.fao.org/docs/pdf/gha136733.pdf (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Yet to be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Yet to be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Yet to be determined. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 January 2019 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>Mr Eric Amaning Okoree Chief Executive Officer National Biosafety Authority P.O. Box WY 2287 Kwabenya, Accra Tel: +(233) 208163038 +(233) 571630388 E-mail: eriokor@yahoo.com eric.okoree@gmail.com</p>
13.	Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: <p>Mr Eric Amaning Okoree, Chief Executive Officer National Biosafety Authority P.O. Box WY 2287 Kwabenya, Accra Tel: +(233) 208163038 +(233) 571630388 E-mail: eriokor@yahoo.com eric.okoree@gmail.com</p>