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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| 1. | Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2): |
| 2. | Agency responsible: European Commission Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tbt/ |
| 3. | Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other: |
| 4. | Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Agricultural products. |
| 5. | Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to conditions of use of the optional quality term "mountain product" (7 pages, in English). |
| 6. | Description of content: The draft Commission Delegated Regulation with regard to conditions of use of the optional quality term "mountain product" concerns the provisions supplementing certain non-essential parts of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The purpose of this draft Regulation is to lay down derogations from the conditions of use of the optional quality term "mountain product" and other criteria relevant for its application. The use of the term "mountain product" aims at providing mountain producers with an effective tool to better market their product and at reducing the actual risks of consumer confusion as to the mountain provenance of products in the market place. |
| 8. | Relevant documents: Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, Article 31. http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:343:0001:0029:en:PDF |

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| 9. | Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: | First quarter of 2014. On the seventh day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the EU. |
| 10. | Final date for comments: 60 days from notification | |
| 11. | Text available from: National enquiry point [], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu The text is available on the EU-TBT Website: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tbt/ http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/TBT/EEC/13_4848_00_e.pdf | |