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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

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): Novel Foods
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods (COM(2013) 894 final) (51 pages, in English).
6.	Description of content: 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. 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.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health and food safety.
8.	Relevant documents: Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 1997 concerning novel foods and novel food ingredients (OJ L 43, 14.2.1997, p. 16) http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:1997:043:0001:0006:EN:PDF

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	To be determined 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU (The provisions shall apply from 2 years after date of adoption).
10.	Final date for comments: 90 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:	

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