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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>LITHUANIA</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania

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- 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): Flour confectionery products (HS 1905). Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products.
- 5. **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Technical Regulation of the Characterization, Production and Sales Presentation of Flour Confectionery Products (14 pages, in Lithuanian)
- 6. Description of content: Technical regulation of the characterization, production and sales presentation of flour confectionery products is designed to define and classify various flour confectionery products and to set the basic raw material used in the production. Also, to identify general technological requirements, quality and safety indicators. In addition the technical regulation sets out labelling, importation and marketing requirements for flour confectionery products. The regulation does not apply to flour confectionery products that are manufactured using a special heat treatment technology extruding.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Currently in Lithuania, flour confectionery products are produced by optional technical documents: Lithuanian standards or corporate standards. These products are not covered by EU legislation. Therefore, quality and safety indicators of flour confectionery products are highly variable and sometimes disadvantageous for consumers. The aim of the regulation to set definitions of flour confectionery products, to identify raw materials, safety and quality requirements of the production. Also, to set general technological requirements, define safety and quality indicators of the finished product and common requirements of presentation.

Relevant documents: Proposed date of adoption: 13 December 2014
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 Final date for comments: 60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
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