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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>CZECH REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture 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: Czech Office for Standards Metrology and Testing National Enquiry Point P.O. Box 49 128 01 Prague 2 Czech Republic Telephone: (+420) 224 907 139 Telefax: (+420) 224 907 122 E-mail: wto.tbt@unmz.cz
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): Milk and milk products (ICS: 67.100), Ice cream and ice confectionery (ICS: 67.100.40), Edible oils and fats. Oilseeds (ICS: 67.200)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Decree laying down the requirements for milk and milk products, ice creams and edible fats and oils (32 pages, in Czech)
6.	Description of content: The main objective of submitting a new decree is to adapt the requirements for milk and milk products, ice creams and edible fats and oils to directly applicable EU legislation relating to, for example, food labelling, hygiene rules or marketing standards, as well as to scientific knowledge and technological developments in the food industry. The need for this draft stems from the experience gained in the application of the existing Decree No 77/2003 laying down the requirements for milk and milk products, ice creams and edible fats and oils, as amended. The draft adapts this legislation, for example, to Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers, in particular by removing duplicate provisions relating to the labelling of foodstuffs and by modifying terminology, and to Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on nutrition and health claims made on foods, as amended, in the context of the decree on the labelling of foodstuffs and an amendment to Act No 110/1997 on foodstuffs and tobacco products. This decree is one of the measures implementing Act No 110/1997 on foodstuffs and tobacco products, as amended, which contains the clause on the mutual recognition of products.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The existing legislation was found to be inadequate. Hence, the key objectives of this draft are increased protection of consumers and adaptation to the developments in both European and national food legislation.
8.	Relevant documents: Reference(s) to basic text(s): Act No 110/1997 on Foodstuffs and Tobacco Products and on Amendments to Certain Related Laws, as amended.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 September 2015 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 March 2016
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: Czech Office for Standards Metrology and Testing National Enquiry Point P.O. Box 49 128 01 Prague 2 Czech Republic Telephone: (+420) 224 907 139 Telefax: (+420) 224 907 122 E-mail: wto.tbt@un