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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>ITALY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministero dello sviluppo economico 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: Ministry for economic development General Directorate for Market, Competition, Consumer, Vigilance and Technical Standardization Division XIII - Technical standardization and security and compliance products 00187 Rome I – Via Sallustiana, 53 tel. ++39 06 4705.5430 tbt.Italia@mise.gov.it vincenzo.correggia@mise.gov.it European Commission TBT Enquiry Point ec-tbt@ec.europa.eu
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): Food products
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft legislative decree laying down rules for the mandatory indication of the name and address of the production facility or, if different, of the packing facility on labels, in accordance with Article 5 of Law No 170 of 12 August 2016 – European Delegation Law 2015 (4 pages, in Italian)
6. Description of content: The draft comprises nine articles identifying: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the field of application;2. the definitions used;3. the obligation to indicate the name of the production facility or, if different, of the packing facility for pre-packaged food products intended for the final consumer or for mass caterers on labels, as provided for by the decree;4. indication of the name of the production facility or, if different, of the packing facility on the label of pre-packaged food products intended for the final consumer or for mass caterers, in fulfilment of the obligation;5. penalties;6. the competent authority designated to impose the envisaged financial penalties;

<p>7. mutual recognition clause;</p> <p>8. provisional and final measures;</p> <p>9. financial invariant clause.</p>	<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</p> <p>The proposed legislation to which this notification refers, subject to preliminary review by the Council of Ministers, lays down, for pre-packaged food products intended for the final consumer or for mass caterers, the mandatory indication of the name of the production facility or, if different, of the packaging facility on labels.</p> <p>The purpose of the notified draft technical regulation, in addition to ensuring that the consumer receives complete and accurate information, is to ensure better and immediate traceability of foods by the supervisory authorities and therefore better health protection.</p> <p>This need has been strongly perceived by many manufacturing companies which have thus far opted to provide the label indication in question on a voluntary basis, as well as by public opinion.</p> <p>Furthermore, knowing the name of the facility where a food product comes from makes it easier for supervisory authorities to take corrective measures to mitigate risks to public health while simultaneously reducing the financial expenditure from their implementation, making them quicker and easier.</p> <p>Finally, the proposal lays down a single, uniform penalty system for use at national level.</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents: References to basic texts: Law No 170 of 12 August 2016</p>	<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: July 2017</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: January 2018</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 3 July 2017</p>	<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>See item 2.</p> <p>Text on line at: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/search and/or at: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/search https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/ITA/17_1956_00_x.pdf</p>