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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: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/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): Biocidal products
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Decision pursuant to Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Wolbachia trans-infected mosquitos used for vector control purposes (4 pages, in English)
6. Description of content: This draft Commission Implementing Decision states that i) the bacteria Wolbachia (or any preparation containing the bacteria) used to infect the mosquitos meets the definition of a biocidal product and ii) the infected mosquitos do not meet the definition of either a biocidal product or a treated Article.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of public health and of the environment. Harmonisation of the EU market on biocidal products.
8. Relevant documents: Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products (OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1.). Available in all EU languages. http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1426693289783&uri=CELEX:32012R0528
9. Proposed date of adoption: October 2018 Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU
10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/EEC/18_2699_00_e.pdf