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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>UKRAINE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Committee on Agrarian and Land Policy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine <b>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:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> cotton seeds
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine on the Circulation of Cotton Varieties in Ukraine"; (2 page(s), in Ukrainian)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The draft Law provides for simplification of the procedures for import and placing into circulation of cotton varieties in Ukraine during the period of martial law and three years following its termination or cancellation.  The draft Law proposes amendments to Section VI "Final Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On the State Biosafety System in the Creation, Testing, Transportation and Use of Genetically Modified Organisms", according to which temporarily, for the period of martial law in Ukraine and within 36 months after its termination or cancellation, there will be no requirement for state registration of GMOs and obtaining permits as stipulated by this Law for import, research, state approbation (testing), industrial production, and placing into circulation of genetically modified cotton as well as products manufactured with its use.  The draft Law also amends Section IX "Final Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On Seeds and Planting Material" with a provision, according to which, for the period of martial law in Ukraine and for 36 months after its termination or cancellation, placing into circulation of cotton seeds varieties and their use is allowed without certification of seed material.  The draft Law is also notified under the SPS Agreement.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade

<b>8. Relevant documents:</b>	Laws of Ukraine "On the State Biosafety System in the Creation, Testing, Transportation and Use of Genetically Modified Organisms", "On Seeds and Planting Material"
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> This Law will enter into force on the day following its publication	
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification	
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>	Ministry of Economy of Ukraine Department for Trade Agreements and Export Development 12/2 Hrushevskoho Str. Kyiv 01008 Tel: +(38 044) 596 6839 Fax: +(38 044) 596 6839 Email: <a href="mailto:ep@me.gov.ua">ep@me.gov.ua</a> Website: <a href="https://www.me.gov.ua">https://www.me.gov.ua</a> <a href="https://itd.rada.gov.ua/billInfo/Bills/CardByRn?regNum=10427-1&amp;conv=9">https://itd.rada.gov.ua/billInfo/Bills/CardByRn?regNum=10427-1&amp;conv=9</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/UKR/24_02310_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/UKR/24_02310_00_x.pdf</a>