NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** MADAGASCAR**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Direction de la protection des végétaux du Ministère auprès de la Présidence en charge de l'agriculture et de l'élevage* (Plant Protection Directorate of the Office of the President's Ministry responsible for agriculture and livestock) |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition where applicable):** Foodstuffs of plant origin |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[X] All trading partners****[ ] Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Arrêté instituant les laboratoires d'analyses officiels des denrées alimentaires d'origine végétale* (Order establishing official laboratories for the analysis of foodstuffs of plant origin) **Language(s):** French **Number of pages:** 7<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/MDG/17_4782_00_f.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Order establishes the conditions and obligations that official laboratories must meet in order to conduct official analyses of foodstuffs of plant origin. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:****[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:****[ ] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:****[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:****[X] None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?****[ ] Yes [ ] No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**  |
| **9.** | **Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:*** *Journal Officiel de Madagascar* (Official Journal of Madagascar) (available in Malagasy)
* Regulation (EU) No. 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products
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| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 January 2018**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 30 January 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 2 February 2018**[X] Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 9 January 2018**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  |