NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** BRAZIL  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply – MAPA  **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:**  National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology – INMETRO  Telephone: +(55) 21 2145.3817  Email: [barreirastecnicas@inmetro.gov.br](mailto:barreirastecnicas@inmetro.gov.br)  Web-site: [www.inmetro.gov.br/barreirastecnicas](http://www.inmetro.gov.br/barreirastecnicas) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Cheese and curd. (HS code(s): 0406); Cheese (ICS code(s): 67.100.30) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** MAPA/SDAOrdinance No.577, 11 May 2022; (2 page(s), in Portuguese) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 577 opens a 60-day period for public consultation on a proposal of Mercosur Technical Regulation on the use of starches in very high moisture cheeses.  The Ordinance and the proposal are available on MAPA website:  <https://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br/acesso-a-informacao/participacao-social/consultas-publicas/2022>  Technically substantiated suggestions should be forwarded through the Normative Act Monitoring System - SISMAN, of the Department of Agricultural Defense - SDA/MAPA, through the link:  <http://sistemasweb.agricultura.gov.br/pages/SISMAN.html> |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The harmonization of technical regulations tends to eliminate obstacles to trade, which cause differences in national technical regulations, in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Asunción (Mercosur).  The States Parties of Mercosur have agreed to harmonize the permission for the use of starches in cheeses with a moisture content greater than or equal to 55g/100g (fifty-five grams per one hundred grams), which do not adopt their own form. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  1) Brazilian Official Gazette 95 on 20 May 2022, section 1, page 14  <https://www.in.gov.br/en/web/dou/-/portaria-sda-n-577-de-11-de-maio-de-2022-401482262> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Not applicable  **Proposed date of entry into force:** Not applicable |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 17 July 2022 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply  Secretariat of Trade and International Relations.  E-mail: [cgsr@agro.gov.br](mailto:cgsr@agro.gov.br)  Website: [www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br](http://www.gov.br/agricultura/pt-br)  <https://www.in.gov.br/en/web/dou/-/portaria-sda-n-577-de-11-de-maio-de-2022-401482262> |