NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** DENMARK  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  The Ministry of Environment of Denmark  Slotsholmsgade 12  1216 Copenhagen K  Denmark  Phone: +45 38 14 21 42  E-mail: [mim@mim.dk](mailto:mim@mim.dk)  **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:**  Danish Business Authority  Langelinie Allé 17  2100 Copenhagen O  Denmark  Phone: +45 35 29 10 00  E-mail: [notifikationer@erst.dk](mailto:notifikationer@erst.dk) |
| **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):** Traps for hunting |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Bekendtgørelse om vildtskader (executive order on damage caused by game); (13 page(s), in Danish) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Danish *executive order on damage caused by game* stipulates under which circumstances game that causes damage may or may not be hunted. Hunting with traps are allowed provided that the requirements are met. The executive order prescribes rules for the application of the traps as well as the traps' physical specifications. The rules have been determined on the grounds of a range of different rationales.  The relevant rules are marked with yellow in the attached document titled "DRAFT". |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Professional/academic/technical justification for determining the specific requirements for traps used in regulation of damage causing game  Use of traps is prohibited under the Birds Directive (article 8, cf. appendix IV, litra a) and the Habitats Directive (article 13, no. 2a, cf. appendix VI, litra a). However, in certain instances, the EU member states may make exceptions from the prohibition, cf. article 9 in the Birds Directive and article 16 in the Habitats Directive. The exceptions presuppose that the permitted traps and methods are mentioned in the exemption provision. In the Danish case, the exemption provisions are found in chapter 7 of the executive order on damaged caused by game.  There are concrete requirements and specifications for the traps, which may be used. Those requirements and specifications are based on considerations of protection and animal welfare. In order to protect the species and avoid trapping of other species than the targeted ones, only traps, which catches animals and birds alive, are allowed to be used. Thus, it is possible to re-release captured animals of protected status. Moreover, there are rules, which hinder the capture of other species, especially protected species, e.g. birds of prey. Those rules relate to the requirements of design and application of the traps. Because of reasons related to animal welfare, there are specific requirements for surveillance of the traps and requirements for the design of the traps so that the captured animals cannot hurt themselves and/or other animals. Protection of animal or plant life or health |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** DRAFT: Bekendtgørelse om vildtskader (executive order on damage caused by game)  Official reference (BASIC): Lovbekendtgørelse nr. 265 af 21. marts 2019 om jagt og vildtforvaltning ([thttps://www.retsinformation.dk/eli/lta/2019/265.dk)](https://www.retsinformation.dk/eli/lta/2019/265) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 January 2023 |
| **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:**  Danish Standards  Göteborg Plads 1  Nordhavn  Tel: + (45) 39 96 61 40  Fax: + (45) 39 96 61 01  Email: [wto@ds.dk](mailto:wto@ds.dk)  Website: <http://www.ds.dk>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/DNK/22_4333_00_x.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/DNK/22_4333_01_x.pdf> |