NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** CÔTE D'IVOIRE  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Ministère en charge de l'Environnement* (Ministry responsible for the environment); *Ministère en charge de l'Économie et des Finances* (Ministry responsible for the Economy and Finance); *Ministère en charge du Commerce* (Ministry responsible for trade); *Ministère en charge des Ressources Animales et Halieutiques* (Ministry responsible for animal and fishery resources); *Ministère en charge de la Santé* (Ministry responsible for health); *Ministère en charge de la Construction (assainissement)* (Ministry responsible for construction (sanitation)); *Ministère en charge de l'Industrie* (Ministry responsible for industry) |
| **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):** Ordinary biodegradable and non-biodegradable plastic bags |
| **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:** *Décret n° 2013-327 du 22 mai 2013 portant sur l'interdiction de la production, de l'importation, de la commercialisation, de la détention et de l'utilisation des sachets plastiques* (Decree No. 2013-327 of 22 May 2013 on the prohibition of the production, importation, marketing, possession and use of plastic bags) **Language(s):** French **Number of pages:** 4 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Decree prohibits all production, importation and marketing of ordinary biodegradable and non-biodegradable plastic bags in the national territory. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] 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 la République de Côte d'Ivoire* (Official Journal of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire) (available in French)  Basel Convention (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 23 May 2013  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Already in force.  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable.  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  *Ministère de l'Environnement* (Ministry of the Environment)  20 BP 650 Abidjan 20  Tel.: +(225) 20220701  Fax: +(225) 20210876 |
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