NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** European Union**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General |
| **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):** HS Code(s): ex 07049090, ex 07081000, ex 07082000, 07093000, ex 07094000, 07096010, ex 07096099, ex 07099990, ex 07102200, 07108051, ex 07108059, ex 07108095, 08022100, 08022200, 08025100, 08025200, 08043000, 08055010, 080620, 08101000, ex 08109020, ex 08109075, 08112031, ex 08112011, ex 08112019, 08131000, 0902, 09042110, 09042190, 09042200, ex 11063090, 12024100, 12024200, 12074090, ex 12077000, ex 12119086, 15111090, 15119011, ex 15119019, 15119099, 20081110, 20081191, 20081196, 20081198, 20081913, 20081993, 20085061, ex 20089999 |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Benin; Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Cambodia; China; Dominican Republic; Egypt; The Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; India; Iran; Kenya; Madagascar; Nigeria; Pakistan; Senegal; Serbia; Sierra Leone; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Thailand; Turkey; Uganda; United States of America; Uzbekistan; Viet Nam |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2298 of 12 December 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin (Text with EEA relevance). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 7<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_5677_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_5677_00_f.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/EEC/17_5677_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Regulation reviews the list of imports of feed and food of non-animal origin which are subject to an increased level of official controls. The changes concern: (i) the listing of the following items: peppers (other than sweet) (*Capsicum* spp.) from India, Pakistan, Thailand and Viet Nam and roasted pistachios from the United States; (ii) the de-listing of the following items: table grapes from Egypt and aubergines (*Solanum melongena*) from Thailand.This Regulation also amends Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 to provide that the derogation from checks at the designated point of entry referred to in Article 9 thereof may be established in respect of existing entries in the list and not only in respect of new entries. |
| **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 Organization 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.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Commission Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 of 24 July 2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin and amending Decision 2006/504/EC (OJ L 194, 25 July 2009, p. 11) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 12 December 2017**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 13 December 2017 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 January 2018**[ ]** **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 e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** European CommissionDG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International RelationsRue Froissart 101B-1049 BrusselsTel: +(32 2) 29 54263Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu |
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