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):** Food of animal origin and composite products, live animals |
| **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:** Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for specific official controls for certain categories of animals and goods, measures to be taken following the performance of such controls and certain categories of animals and goods exempted from official controls at border control posts (Text with EEA Relevance).**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 13  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5647_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5647_01_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 empowers the Commission to establish, by means of delegated acts, the cases and conditions under which certain categories of animals and goods may be exempted from checks at border control posts. The Official Controls Regulation also empowers the Commission to adopt rules for the performance of specific controls and on measures in the case of non-compliance for certain categories of animals and goods.  The categories of animals and goods exempted from checks at border control posts include certain categories of fishery products and certain categories of animals and goods entering the Union through certain Greek islands and through certain French territories. Specific control rules are set out for certain categories of fishery products, unskinned, furred wild game and certain categories of animals and goods entering the Union through certain Greek islands and through certain French territories. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [****X]****animal health, [****X]****plant protection, [****X]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****X]****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:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** December 2019  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** December 2019 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Twenty days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Forty days from the date of circulation of this notification.  **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 Commission  DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations  Rue Froissart 101  B-1049 Brussels  Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263  Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090  E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu |
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