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 0904 11 00 10; 1202 41 00; 1202 42 00; 2008 11 10; 2008 11 91; 2008 11 96; 2008 11 98; 2305 00 00; ex 1208 90 00 20; 1207 40 90; ex 2008 19 19 40; ex 2008 19 99 40; 0709 60 10; 0710 80 51; ex 0709 60 99 20; ex 0710 80 59 20; 0802 21 00; 0802 22 00; ex 0813 50 39 70; ex 0813 50 91 70; ex 0813 50 99 70; ex 2007 10 10 70; ex 2007 10 99 40; ex 2007 99 39 05; ex 2007 99 39 06; ex 2007 99 50 33; ex 2007 99 97 23; ex 2008 19 12 30; ex 2008 19 19 30; ex 2008 19 92 30; ex 2008 19 95 20; ex 2008 19 99 30; ex 2008 97 12 15; ex 2008 97 14 15; ex 2008 97 16 15; ex 2008 97 18 15; ex 2008 97 32 15; ex 2008 97 34 15; ex 2008 97 36 15; ex 2008 97 38 15; ex 2008 97 51 15; ex 2008 97 59 15; ex 2008 97 72 15; ex 2008 97 74 15; ex 2008 97 76 15; ex 2008 97 78 15; ex 2008 97 92 15; ex 2008 97 93 15; ex 2008 97 94 15; ex 2008 97 96 15; ex 2008 97 97 15; ex 2008 97 98 15; ex 1106 30 90 40; ex 1515 90 99 20; ex 1404 90 00 10; ex 0813 40 95 10; ex 0810 90 75 10; 0806 20 |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]****All trading partners** **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Sudan, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/608 of 15 April 2021 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Text with EEA relevance).**Language(s):** English, French and Spanish. **Number of pages:** 20<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2776_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2776_00_f.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/EEC/21_2776_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 lays down rules concerning the temporary increase of official controls upon entry into the Union on certain food and feed of non-animal origin from certain third countries (in Annex I); special import conditions for certain food and feed from certain third countries due to the contamination risk by mycotoxins, including aflatoxins, pesticide residues, pentachlorophenol and dioxins and microbiological contamination (in Annex II - increased official border controls and official certificate accompanied by the results of sampling and analysis in the third country); and, suspension of entry into the Union for certain food and feed from certain third countries (in Annex IIa).This Implementing Regulation amends Annexes I, II and IIa to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 by introducing the following changes:* deletion from Annex I of goji berries from China, and of dried grapes from Turkey;
* increase in the frequency of identity and physical checks laid down in Annex I for pepper of the *Capsicum* species (other than sweet) from Thailand, and for black pepper from Brazil;
* deletion from Annex II and inclusion in Annex I of groundnuts (peanuts) from Brazil, of groundnuts (peanuts) from China, and of hazelnuts from Turkey;
* increase in the frequency of identity and physical checks laid down in Annex II of groundnuts (peanuts) from India;
* deletion from Annex IIa and inclusion in Annex II of foodstuffs containing or consisting of betel leaves (*Piper betle*) from Bangladesh;
* all the entries concerning *Sesamum* seeds in Annexes I and II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 are amended to include the Combined Nomenclature (CN) code for roasted *Sesamum* seeds;
* the entry concerning sweet peppers (*Capsicum annuum*) from Turkey in Annex I is amended to cover all peppers of the *Capsicum* species.

In addition, this Implementing Regulation confirms the provisions of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1540 of 22 October 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 as regards *Sesamum* seeds from India due to possible contamination with ethylene oxide and other pesticide residues.Furthermore, Part II of the model official certificate in Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 was amended to allow for more than one certification, where such certification is mandatory. |
| **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 Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 669/2009, (EU) No 884/2014, (EU) 2015/175, (EU) 2017/186 and (EU) 2018/1660 (Text with EEA relevance) (OJ L 277, 29 October 2019, p. 89) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 14 April 2021**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 15 April 2021 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 5 May 2021**[ ]****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: +(322) 29 54263Fax: +(322) 29 98090E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu |
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