NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Agency for Food Safety |
| **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):** Cocoa and cocoa preparations (HS code(s): 18) |
| **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:** Draft Government Decision on the amendment of Government Decision No 204/2009 on the approval of the Technical Regulation "Confectionery products".**Language(s):** Romanian. **Number of pages:** 6[https://particip.gov.md/ru/document/stages/ministerul-agriculturii-si-industriei-alimentare-prezinta-pentru-consultari-publice-proiectul-de-hotarare-privind-modificarea-hotararii-guvernului-nr2042009-cu-privire-la-aprobarea-reglementarii-tehnice-produse-de-cofetarie-nr-unic-225maia2024/12264](https://particip.gov.md/ru/document/stages/ministerul-agriculturii-si-industriei-alimentare-prezinta-pentru-consultari-publice-proiectul-de-hotarare-privind-modificarea-hotararii-guvernului-nr2042009-cu-privire-la-aprobarea-reglementarii-tehnice-produse-de-cofetarie-nr-unic-225maia2024/12264%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/MDA/24_02591_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Draft Government Decision concerns with the inclusion of the requirement for a quality certificate issued by the producer:* The modification and supplementation of Annex No. 1 with organoleptic characteristics for various types of chocolate;
* The modification and supplementation of Annex No. 2 with physico-chemical indicators for chocolate and cocoa powder;
* The repeal of Annex No. 3 "Declaration of Conformity."

The draft GD also transposes the provisions of the EU Directive 2000/36/EC relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption and incorporates the Codex Stan 87-1981 (amended in: 2016, 2022) concerning the standards for chocolate and chocolate products and the Codex Stan 105-1981 (amended in: 2010, 2013, 2016, 2022) for cocoa powder and dry cocoa and sugar blends. |
| **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:****[X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** Codex Stan 87-1981 (amended in: 2016, 2022) concerning the standards for chocolate and chocolate products and Codex Stan 105-1981 (amended in: 2010, 2013, 2016, 2022) for cocoa powder and dry cocoa and sugar blends**[****]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[****]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[ ]** **None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[X]** **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)*:** 14 June 2024**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 17 June 2024 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 14 May 2024**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** Mrs. Diana GhermanHead of International Relations and European Integration DepartmentNational Food Safety Agency of the Republic of MoldovaStr. Mihail Kogălniceanu 63Chisinau, MD 2009Tel: +(373) 2229 4709E-mail: diana.gherman@ansa.gov.md notificari.omc@ansa.gov.md |
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