NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Montenegro**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development |
| **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):** Semen of domestic animals of the bovine species |
| **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 Amendments to the Ordinance on animal health requirements applicable to trade in and imports of deep-frozen semen of domestic animals of the bovine species. **Language(s):** Montenegrin. **Number of pages:**  |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** These Draft Amendments modify some rules on animal health requirements applicable to trade in and imports of deep-frozen semen of domestic animals of the bovine species.Importation of semen only on submission of an animal health certificate drawn up and signed by an official veterinarian of the third country of collection.1. This certificate must:
2. be drawn up in the official languages of Montenegro and in the official languages of the country of collection;
3. accompany the semen in the original form;
4. be drawn up on a single sheet of paper;
5. be made out to a single consignee.
6. The certificate must correspond to a specimen.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****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 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:** Council Directive 88/407/EEC of 14 June 1988 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra- Community trade in and imports of deep-frozen semen of domestic animals of the bovine species  |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 4 August 2018**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:**  |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** The text is available at the official website of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Montenegro: <http://www.minpolj.gov.me/rubrike/STO_WTO/>. |