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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> 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): plants and plant products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> 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 concerning the performance of specific official controls of wood packaging material, notification of certain consignments and measures to be taken in case of non-compliance. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 8 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_4213_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: It follows from Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of plant health and plant protection products, that certain categories of goods entering the Union must be subject to specific official controls. Based on Article 77(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 this draft Delegated Regulation lays down rules for performance of specific official controls of wood packaging material or wood products (excluding paper products) intended for supporting, protecting or carrying a commodity entering the Union territory, whether or not actually in use in transport of objects of all kind. This Regulation does not apply to wood packaging material concerning the exemptions provided under the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No 15 - Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (ISPM15). Regulation also establishes cases where and conditions under which the competent authorities may request operators to notify the arrival of certain consignments entering the Union territory in which wood packaging material is present and establishes measures to be taken in cases when non-compliance is found during physical checks.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM n°15</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
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<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 days from the date of publication and the date of application is 14 December 2019.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit D2-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 295 4263 Fax: +(32 2) 299 8090 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
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4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation on prior notification of consignments of certain categories of animals and goods entering the Union (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/EEC/18_6507_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on Official Controls (OCR) establishes the framework for official controls and other official activities to verify the correct application of Union agri-food chain legislation. This includes official controls performed on animals and goods entering the Union from third countries. Regulation (EU) 2017/625 requires the operator responsible for certain consignments entering the Union to give prior notification to the competent authorities of the border control posts before the arrival of the consignments. The purpose of this implementing act is to fix a general minimum time period for giving prior notification, while allowing for certain, specific derogations: In cases of transport related logistical constraints or, as regards border control posts designated for imports of unprocessed logs and sawn and chipped wood, of specific geographical constraints, Member States would be allowed to require a different time period for prior notification, to ensure a timely and effective performance of official controls also under such circumstances.
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5. Title of the notified document: Draft Commission Implementing Regulation to establish rules for uniform application of frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks on certain consignments of animals and goods entering the Union (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 13 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5004_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_5004_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: It follows from Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, that certain categories of animals and goods coming from third countries must be subject to specific official controls at the border control posts. <p>This Regulation lays down rules for the uniform application of the appropriate frequency rate of identity checks and physical checks on consignments of animals and goods referred to in Article 47(1) (a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 intended to be placed on the market.</p> <p>The appropriate level of frequency rates on identity checks and physical checks are established taking into account information regarding the risks associated with the categories of animals and goods.</p> <p>The regulation establish the procedures for modification of the frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks and rules for the uniform application of the frequency rates.</p> <p>To ensure the effectiveness of the official controls the Regulation establish procedure for the selection of the consignment for identity checks and physical checks in such a way that it is not possible for the operator responsible for the consignments to predict whether any particular consignment will be subject of checks.</p> <p>For certain third countries with which the Union has reached agreement on equivalency, a reduction in the physical checks on certain products can be applied, Therefore the level</p>

<p>of frequencies of physical checks specified in these veterinary agreements are applied in this Regulation.</p> <p>The rules laid down in this Regulation ensure a continuation of the requirements on establishing the minimum frequency rate for identity checks and physical checks.</p> <p>Date of application: 14 December 2019</p>
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