NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** SPAIN  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación* (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) |
| **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: 0601 10 90 |
| **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:** *Orden por la que se modifica la Orden de 28 de octubre de 1994 por la que se aprueba el Reglamento Técnico de Control de la Producción y Comercialización de Plantones de Hortalizas y Material de Multiplicación de Hortalizas distinto de las semillas* (Order amending the Order of 28 October 1994 approving the Technical Regulations for the control of the production and marketing of vegetable propagating and planting material, other than seed) **Language(s):** Spanish. **Number of pages:** 11  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/ESP/23_11129_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** There is a need to establish legal requirements to promote the quality of saffron and the official control to ensure compliance with such requirements. As a result, the Order of 28 October 1994 approving the Technical Regulations for the control of the production and marketing of vegetable propagating and planting material, other than seed, needs to be amended to include saffron. The text is being updated at the same time.  It is vital to regulate the control of the production and marketing of plant material used to propagate saffron, so that it meets the necessary quality and health requirements. To that end, the current Technical Regulations for the control of the production and marketing of vegetable propagating and planting material, other than seed, need to be amended to include this species. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] 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 Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM No.)*:**  **[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)*:** Before the end of 2023  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Before the end of 2023 |
| **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  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 17 September 2023  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:** |
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