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):** Products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin listed in Section A of Chapter C of Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001. |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]****All trading partners** **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** Countries and regions with a controlled BSE risk. |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Commission Regulation amending Annexes III, V, VII and IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards genotyping of positive TSE cases in goats, the determination of age in ovine and caprine animals, the measures applicable in a herd or flock with atypical scrapie and the conditions for imports of products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin (Text with EEA relevance).**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 8<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_7018_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/EEC/20_7018_01_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The proposed amendment in Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 is the only part of the text with a possible impact on international trade. The proposal will ensure full consistency of the EU import conditions of products derived from ruminants originating from a country with undetermined BSE risk, whether the products are imported directly from this country or from a country with negligible or controlled BSE risk. To this aim, two additional conditions will become applicable to these products imported from a controlled BSE risk country:* the animals have not been fed with meat-and-bone meal or greaves,
* the products were produced and handled in a manner which ensures that they did not contain and were not contaminated with nervous and lymphatic tissues exposed during the deboning process.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****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)*:** **[****X]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** TAHC Chapter 11.4., Article 11.4.12.**[ ]****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)*:** To be determined.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.**[ ]****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 January 2021**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) 295 4263Fax: +(322) 299 8090E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu  |
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