NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** MADAGASCAR  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Direction de la Protection des Végétaux - Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Élevage* (Plant Protection Directorate - Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock) |
| **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):** Foodstuffs of plant origin (HS codes 07/07133/071390; 09/0905/0907; 12/1202; 18/1801/1803/1804/1805/1806) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ] All trading partners**  **[X] Specific regions or countries:** China; India; United States; European Union; Indian Ocean Commission (IOC); SADC and COMESA. |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Arrêté relatif aux critères microbiologiques applicables aux denrées alimentaires destinées à l'exportation* (Order on the microbiological criteria applicable to foodstuffs for export) **Language(s):** French **Number of pages:** 3 with annexes  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/MDG/22_3119_00_f.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified order establishes the microbiological criteria applicable to certain micro-organisms that may be found in certain foodstuffs for export. |
| **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)*:** CAC/GL 21-1997: Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria for Food  **[ ] World Organisation 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.** | **Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** *Journal Officiel de la République de Madagascar* (Official Journal of the Republic of Madagascar) (available in French and Malagasy) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 23 August 2022  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 31 August 2022 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 3 October 2022  **[X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 August 2022  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  *Direction de la Protection des Végétaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Élevage* (Plant Protection Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock), Nanisana, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar, Email: [dpvmadagascar@gmail.com](mailto:dpvmadagascar@gmail.com) |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  *Direction de la Protection des Végétaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Élevage* (Plant Protection Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock), Nanisana, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar, Email: [dpvmadagascar@gmail.com](mailto:dpvmadagascar@gmail.com) |