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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
3.	<b>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):</b> plants and plant products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> 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. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 8 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_4213_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_4213_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> 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.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.

8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> ISPM n°15</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 October 2019</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 October 2019</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 20 days from the date of publication and the date of application is 14 December 2019.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> not applicable</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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>