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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: European Commission Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Organic food and feed
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1698 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2306 as regards the import into the Union of high-risk organic and in-conversion products; (7 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: It is proposed to delete the requirement of identity and physical checks and sampling for 100% of the consignments of high-risk organic and in-conversion products, and to introduce flexibility as regards the share of consignments of such high-risk products to be subjected to physical checks and sampling.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Experience with controls on imports into the Union of products from third countries substantially involved in notifications that have been opened by EU Member States in the Organic Farming Information System (OFIS) due to suspicions of non-compliance with the Union organic legislation - including notifications of contaminations with products and substances not authorised for use in organic production - shows that the compliance with the conditions and measures for the import of organic products and in-conversion products into the Union can be ensured by subjecting a share of consignments lower than 100% to identity and physical checks and sampling. Against this background, it is proposed to delete the requirement of identity and physical checks and sampling for 100% of the consignments of high-risk organic and in-conversion products, and to introduce flexibility as regards the share of consignments of such high-risk products to be

<p>subjected to physical checks and sampling.; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) 834/2007: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02018R0848-20210101&qid=1612522667348 - Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1698 of 13 July 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council with procedural requirements for the recognition of control authorities and control bodies that are competent to carry out controls on operators and groups of operators certified organic and on organic products in third countries and with rules on their supervision and the controls and other actions to be performed by those control authorities and control bodies (OJ L 336, 23.9.2021, p. 7), ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/1698/oj. - Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2306 of 21 October 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council with rules on the official controls in respect of consignments of organic products and in-conversion products intended for import into the Union and on the certificate of inspection (OJ L 461, 27.12.2021, p. 13), ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/2306/oj.
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: Last quarter of 2024</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: on the third day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu</p> <p>The text is available on the EU-TBT Website : http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/ https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/EEC/24_04336_00_e.pdf</p>