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):** Novel foods |
| **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:** Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2016 of 18 December 2018 authorising the placing on the market of decorticated grains of *Digitaria exilis* as a traditional food from a third country under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 (Text with EEA relevance). **Language(s):** English, French and Spanish. **Number of pages:** 3<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0199_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0199_00_f.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/EEC/19_0199_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The measure concerns authorising the placing on the market of decorticated grains of *Digitaria exilis* as a traditional food from a third country to be used in food for the general population. |
| **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:****[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:****[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[****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)*:** 18 December 2018**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 December 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 days after its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.**[****X] Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable**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: +(32 2) 29 54263Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu |
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