NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Slovenia  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Dunajska cesta 22, 1000 Ljubljana, Tel.: 01/478 93 11, Fax.: 01/478 91 55, e-mail: [a.poljansek@gov.si](mailto:a.poljansek@gov.si)  **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:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [****], 5.6.2 [****], 5.7.1 [****], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Fruits and derived products (ICS 67.080.10). |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The specification for "selected quality" scheme - fruit and fruit products (14 page(s), in Slovenian) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The specification prescribes additional requirements for fruit and processed fruit, which relate to the production methods and to the quality of the fruit. The specification specifies methods of fruit production that meets a number of additional requirements that are not required by EU regulations and standards. The specification encourages producers and processors to a more environmentally friendly production, which ensure consumers fruits that are harvested in their optimal maturity.  The specification also applies requirements for the soluble dry matter of fruit for additional type of fruits like apples, pears, cherries, peaches, nectarines, plums, persimmons, kiwis, figs, apricots, strawberries, american blueberries, raspberries and table grapes. The moisture content for walnuts and hazelnuts is also prescribed. Consequently, this ensures better fruit quality. The use of digestate is allowed only from small sewage treatment plants, short transport routes are prescribed, input of pure nitrogen into the ground is limited, the maximum width of the herbicide band is determined, plant protection products is limited to the organic or integrated production. The specification also specifies requirements for the storage and marketing of the fruit from the "selected quality" scheme.  The specification refers to the fruit and fruit products produced and processed within one country. The requirements of the proposed specification therefore relate to the labelling with the logo indicating the country of production and the processing of the raw material. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Rules on the procedure for the recognition of "selected quality" designation (OJ RS, no. [79/15](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2015-01-3097) in [32/18](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2018-01-1465)) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 1 August 2019  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 August 2019 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Slovenian Institute for Standardization - SIST WTO/TBT Enquiry Point Šmartinska cesta 152 SI 1000 Ljubljana - Slovenia E-mail: [contact@sist.si](mailto:contact@sist.si) |