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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: TÜRKIYE If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry/General Directorate of Food and Control
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
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Microbiological Criteria. Language(s): Turkish. Number of pages: 30 https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/GKGM/Duyuru/493/Mevzuat-Taslagi-Turk-Gida-Kodeksi-Mikrobiyolojik-Kriterler-Yonetmeli https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TUR/23_0291_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: This Regulation covers the microbiological criteria for foodstuffs and the rules that food business operators must comply with. The Regulation includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Annex I Food safety criteria;- Annex II Process hygiene criteria;- Annex III Limits of Pathogenic Microorganisms; and- Annex IV Rules for sampling and preparation of test samples. With the enactment of the new Regulation, Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Microbiological Criteria published in the Official Gazette dated 29 December 2011 and numbered 28157 shall be repealed.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veterinary, Phytosanitary, Food and Feed Law No: 5996 (G/SPS/N/TUR/9) - Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 of 15 November 2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 15 June 2023</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 15 July 2023</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 March 2023</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Food and Control Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu Ankara - Turkey Tel: +(90 312) 258 77 52 Fax: +(90 312) 258 77 60 E-mail: sps@tarimorman.gov.tr Website: http://www.tarimorman.gov.tr</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Food and Control Eskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu Ankara - Turkey Tel: +(90 312) 258 77 52 Fax: +(90 312) 258 77 60 E-mail: sps@tarimorman.gov.tr Website: http://www.tarimorman.gov.tr</p>