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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>GEORGIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA)
<b>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):</b> Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS code(s): 07); Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons (HS code(s): 08); Coffee, tea, maté and spices (HS code(s): 09); Cereals (HS code(s): 10); Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; Miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; Industrial or medicinal plants; Straw and fodder (HS code(s): 12); Vegetable saps and extracts; pectic substances, pectinates and pectates; agar-agar and other mucilages and thickeners derived from vegetable products, whether or not modified, (HS code(s): 1302); Vegetable products, n.e.s. (HS code(s): 1404); Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products (HS code(s): 1905); Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (HS code(s): 20); Sauce and preparations therefor; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings; mustard flour and meal, whether or not prepared, and mustard (HS code(s): 2103); Food preparations, n.e.s. (HS code(s): 2106); Residues and waste from the food industries; Prepared animal fodder (HS code(s): 23)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> On the approval of the border control rule for the safety of food of non-animal origin/animal feed. <b>Language(s):</b> Georgian. <b>Number of pages:</b> 42 <a href="https://www.matsne.gov.ge/ka/document/view/5783525?publication=0">https://www.matsne.gov.ge/ka/document/view/5783525?publication=0</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/GEO/23_09500_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/GEO/23_09500_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The purpose of this rule is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– determine compliance with the safety requirements of food of non-animal origin/animal feed intended for import;</li><li>– determine the appropriate conditions and mandatory procedures;</li><li>– define the type of prohibited food (dry bean with following HS codes: 07133500, 07133900, 07139000) from Nigeria;<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ define the model of CHED (Common Health Entry Document), and official certificate for import into Georgia (see annex No. 7);</li></ul></li><li>– also define parameters on which samples can be taken in the custom.</li></ul> <b>Also:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– cargo, which is defined in annex No. 2, must be accompanied with the results of laboratory analyses and official certificate for import into Georgia (annex No. 7);</li><li>– lab analyses must be done on the parameters referred in annex No. 2.</li></ul>

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8.</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input 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>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>          This rule is elaborated under DCFTA agreement according to Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 (available in Georgian, certificate in Georgian and English).</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 April 2023</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 18 April 2023</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 June 2023</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 May 2023</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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 Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia          6, Marshal Gelovani Ave          Tel: +(995) 322 37 80 09          E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@mepa.gov.ge">info@mepa.gov.ge</a>          Website: <a href="http://www.mepa.gov.ge">http://www.mepa.gov.ge</a></p> <p>Ms Maia BERUASHVILI - SPS Focal Point in WTO          Head of Food Safety Division          Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Department          Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia          6, Marshal Gelovani Ave          Tel: +(995) 322 37 66 48          Cell phone: +(995) 595 53 01 94          E-mail: <a href="mailto:maia.beruashvili@mepa.gov.ge">maia.beruashvili@mepa.gov.ge</a></p>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: