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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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:

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- 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): Agricultural products and food
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (COM(2014) 180 final) (73 pages and 46 pages of Annexes, in English).
- **6. Description of content:** This draft Commission Regulation establishes the principles of organic production of agricultural products and lays down the rules concerning organic production and the use of indications referring thereto in labelling and advertising. It contains detailed production rules applying to organic production and processing.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Production methods, labelling and control of organic food.
- **8. Relevant documents:** Codex Guidelines for the production, processing, labelling and marketing of organically produced foods (GL 32-1999)

The guidelines can be downloaded from the following link: http://www.codexalimentarius.org/committees-task-forces//?provide=committeeDetail&idList=7

9. Proposed date of adoption: 2016

Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU (The provisions shall apply

from 2016)

- 10. Final date for comments: 90 days from notification
- 11. Text available from: National enquiry point [], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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