NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** GEORGIA**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (MEPA) |
| **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):** 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) |
| **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:** On the approval of the border control rule for the safety of food of non-animal origin/animal feed.**Language(s):** Georgian. **Number of pages:** 42[https://www.matsne.gov.ge/ka/document/view/5783525?publication=0](https://www.matsne.gov.ge/ka/document/view/5783525?publication=0" \t "_blank)<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/GEO/23_09500_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The purpose of this rule is to:* determine compliance with the safety requirements of food of non-animal origin/animal feed intended for import;
* determine the appropriate conditions and mandatory procedures;
* define the type of prohibited food (dry bean with following HS codes: 07133500, 07133900, 07139000) from Nigeria;
	+ define the model of CHED (Common Health Entry Document), and official certificate for import into Georgia (see annex No. 7);
* also define parameters on which samples can be taken in the custom.

Also:* 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);
* lab analyses must be done on the parameters referred in annex No. 2.
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| **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:** This rule is elaborated under DCFTA agreement according to Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 (available in Georgian, certificate in Georgian and English). |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 13 April 2023**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 18 April 2023 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 June 2023**[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 27 May 2023**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:** Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia6, Marshal Gelovani AveTel: +(995) 322 37 80 09E-mail: info@mepa.gov.geWebsite: <http://www.mepa.gov.ge>Ms Maia BERUASHVILI - SPS Focal Point in WTOHead of Food Safety DivisionAgriculture, Rural Development and Food DepartmentMinistry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia6, Marshal Gelovani AveTel: +(995) 322 37 66 48Cell phone: +(995) 595 53 01 94E-mail: maia.beruashvili@mepa.gov.ge |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:**  |