NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Ghana  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovations |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Biosafety Authority |
| **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):** Genetic materials and genetically modified organisms (HS Code: 30029040), Genetic materials and genetically modified organisms under control of sensitive items (HS Code: 3002904010), Other genetic materials and genetically modified organisms (HS Code: 3002904090) |
| **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:** Draft Biosafety (Management of Biotechnology) Regulations, 2018. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 23  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/GHA/18_6095_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/GHA/18_6095_01_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Procedures and arrangement of regulations in the management of genetically modified organisms:   1. to ensure an adequate level of protection in the field of safe development, transfer, handling and use of genetically modified organisms resulting from biotechnology that may have an adverse effect on health and the environment; and 2. to establish a transparent and a predictable process to review and make decisions on genetically modified organisms. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [****X] animal health, [****X] plant protection, [****X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****X] 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:** <http://extwprlegs1.fao.org/docs/pdf/gha136733.pdf> (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Yet to be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Yet to be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Yet to be determined.  **[****X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 26 January 2019  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Mr Eric Amaning Okoree  Chief Executive Officer  National Biosafety Authority  P.O. Box WY 2287  Kwabenya, Accra  Tel: +(233) 208163038  +(233) 571630388  E-mail: eriokor@yahoo.com  eric.okoree@gmail.com |
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