NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Republic of Moldova**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Food Safety Agency (ANSA) |
| **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):** Agri-food products |
| **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:** Government Decision No. 938 from 17 October 2018 on "Approval of the Regulation on State border crossing of goods subject to control by the National Food Safety Agency".**Language(s):** Romanian and Russian. **Number of pages:** 34<http://lex.justice.md/index.php?action=view&view=doc&lang=1&id=377610> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Government Decision establishes new conditions for carrying out sanitary-veterinary, phytosanitary, food safety and plant protection and fertilizers products' controls at Border Inspection Posts, as well as bringing them in line with the relevant European Union requirements. It also contributes to the simplification and streamlining of procedures for checking the goods to be inspected at the State border of the Republic of Moldova by the inspectors from the National Food Safety Agency, as well as veterinary, phytosanitary and food safety regulations. |
| **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)*:****[****X]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** * Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Volume II:
	+ Chaper 8.4 – Infection with Brucella abortus, B. melitensis ans B. suis
	+ Chapter 8.11 – Infection with Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex
	+ Chapter 11.6 – Enzootic bovine leukosis
	+ Section 15 - SUIDAE

**[****X]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** * ISMP 01 - Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade (<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/596/>)
* ISPM 15 - Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade (<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/640/>)
* ISPM 20 - Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system (<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/602/>)
* ISPM 32 - Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk (<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/587/>)

**[ ]****None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[****X]** **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:**   |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 17 October 2018**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 October 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 October 2018**[****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)*:** 16 July 2019**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:**  |
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