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):** Meat 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. 460 from 21 May 2018 "On the modification and completion of the Government Decision No. 696 from 4 August 2010".**Language(s):** Romanian. **Number of pages:** 8  <http://lex.justice.md/viewdoc.php?action=view&view=doc&id=375579&lang=2> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Government decision contains the requirements relating to the production, import and placing on the market of the meat (or the raw material). It also contains the organoleptic characteristics of the meat. It also stipulates the requirements related to the lactic acid that is used to reduce microbial contamination of surface of carcases of bovine animals. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [****X]****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:** Commission Regulation (EU) No 101/2013 of February 2013 concerning the use of lactic acid to reduce microbiological surface contamination on bovine carcases (Text with EEA relevance). |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 21 May 2018  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 25 May 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 25 August 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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