NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** MADAGASCAR  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Direction de la Protection des végétaux du Ministère auprès de la Présidence en charge de l'Agriculture et de l'Élevage* (Plant Protection Directorate of the Office of the President's Ministry responsible for agriculture and livestock) |
| **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):** Raw, treated and processed foodstuffs of plant origin |
| **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:** (*Décret fixant les règles générales d'hygiène applicables aux denrées alimentaires d'origine végétale*) (Decree establishing the general hygiene rules applicable to foodstuffs of plant origin) **Language(s):** French **Number of pages:** 8  Text available at: <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/MDG/17_4504_00_f.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Decree establishes the main hygiene measures to be implemented by operators in the sector for foodstuffs of plant origin and animal feed, and the hygiene conditions to be met for the exportation and importation of such foodstuffs. |
| **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:**  **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** CAC/RCP 1-1969  **[ ] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ] 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.** | **Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** *Journal Officiel de Madagascar* (Official Journal of Madagascar) (available in Malagasy) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 18 December 2017  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 29 December 2017 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 2 February 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)*:** 7 December 2017  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:** |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:** |