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 régissant les contrôles officiels des denrées alimentaires d'origine végétale* (Decree governing the official controls for foodstuffs of plant origin) **Language(s):** French **Number of pages:** 25Text available at: <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/MDG/17_4525_00_f.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Decree establishes rules on:* the official controls and official activities conducted by the competent sanitary authority;
* official analyses;
* official certification; and
* the establishment of a computerized system for the management of information and data relating to official controls.
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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:****[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** CAC/GL 20-1995**[ ] 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, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  |