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):** 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:** *Arrêté fixant les conditions de la délégation de certaines tâches liées aux contrôles officiels et aux autres activités officielles de l'autorité compétente sanitaire* (Order establishing the conditions for the delegation of certain tasks related to the official controls by and other official activities of the competent sanitary authority) **Language(s):** French **Number of pages:** 2  Text available at: <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/MDG/17_4552_00_f.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Order establishes the conditions governing the delegation by the competent sanitary authority of certain tasks related to the official controls and other official activities to one or several delegated bodies. |
| **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:**  **[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ] World Organisation 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.** | **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:** |