NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** PANAMA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Agencia Panameña de Alimentos* (Panamanian Food Agency) |
| **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):** All food products and by-products for human and/or animal use and consumption |
| **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:** *Ley 206 del 30 de marzo de 2021, "Que crea la Agencia Panameña de los Alimentos y deroga el Decreto Ley 11 de 2006, que crea la Autoridad Panameña de Seguridad de Alimentos"* (Law No. 206 of 30 March 2021 establishing the Panamanian Food Agency and repealing Decree Law No. 11 of 2006 establishing the Panamanian Food Safety Authority) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 13  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/PAN/21_2873_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified text establishes the Panamanian Food Agency (hereinafter the APA) as a State entity, the purpose of which is to manage and verify the procedures for agro-industrial food production, as well as the export and import of food and its transit and trans-shipment, in compliance with animal health, plant health, quarantine and safety standards and international trade rules. |
| **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)*:**  **[ ] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM No.)*:**  **[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:** Document published in Electronic Official Journal No. 29253 of 31 March 2021 (available in Spanish) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Six months as from the date of publication in the Official Journal  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):**  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 19 June 2021  **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:** |
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