EPING: TRACKING PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS IN FOREIGN MARKETS

Vietnam, 29 April
PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS

Rice sold on EU market cannot exceed certain max. levels of cadmium.

Textiles on the US market must comply with rules on care labelling of Textile Wearing Apparel.
STAYING INFORMED ON PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS MATTERS

1. Adjust production process
2. Address potential issues appropriately

To avoid trade disruption
WTO&EPING CAN HELP

- Notify the WTO
  - SPS/TBT notifications
- Request info
- Submit comments
- Raise STC

- Inform/connect with stakeholders
- Adjust to measure
- Inspiration for regulation
NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: EUROPEAN UNION
   If applicable, name of local government involved:

2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General

3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; TSC numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Citrus fruits, pome fruits, stone fruits, table olives, seed fruits, bananas, mangoes papayas and pineapple, pineapples, berries and small fruits, tree nuts, cashews, tropical roots and tubers, parsley, onions, irises, beetroots, carrots, bulb vegetables (except garlic), fruiting vegetables, brassica vegetables, leaves, vegetables (except spinach and similar leaves), mustard seedlings and fresh herbs, leek vegetables, stem vegetables, fungi, pulses, oils (except soy), beans, peas, barley, rice, quinoa, wheat bran, wheat gluten, durum wheat, young child formula, drinks for infants and young children labelled and sold as such and salt

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, Commission Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of cadmium in certain foods (Text with ETA Relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4:
   https://members.fao.org/c CLEAN/2021/SPEC2/EC/1881_05_e.pdf
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6. Description of contents: The draft Regulation lowers existing maximum levels for cadmium in: cereals and meal for humans in: citrus fruits, pome fruits, stone fruits, table olives, seed fruits, bananas, mangoes, papayas and pineapple, pineapples, berries and small fruits, tree nuts, cashews, tropical roots and tubers, parsley, onions, irises, beetroots, carrots, bulb vegetables (except garlic), fruiting vegetables, brassica vegetables, leaves, vegetables (except spinach and similar leaves), mustard seedlings and fresh herbs, leek vegetables, stem vegetables, fungi, pulses, oils (except soy), beans, peas, barley, rice, quinoa, wheat bran, wheat gluten, durum wheat, young child formula, drinks for infants and young children labelled and sold as such and salt.

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); Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CFSF MC 1995)

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:


12. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. Foodstuffs listed in the Annex to this Regulation that were lawfully placed on the market before the date of entry into force may continue to be marketed until 6 months after the date of entry into force.

13. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of the circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 May 2021

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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