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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> 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; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Baby food, processed cereal based food for infants and young children and compound food containing more than 5 % fat and containing added vegetable oils and fats and/or fish oils and/or oils from other marine organisms
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Commission Regulation (EU) amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards maximum levels of 3-monochloropropanediol (3-MCPD), 3-MCPD fatty acid esters and glycidyl fatty acid esters in certain foods (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4+6 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01703_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/EEC/26_01703_01_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain) of the European Food Safety Authority adopted in 2016 a scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of 3- and 2-monochloropropanediol (MCPD), and their fatty acid esters, and on glycidyl fatty acid esters in food. In 2017, the EFSA updated its risk assessment on 3-monochloropropanediol ('3-MCPD') and its fatty acid esters. The conclusion of these scientific opinions is that the presence of glycidyl esters in food is of health concern and the presence of 3-MCPD and its fatty acid esters is of health concern in certain exposure scenarios and population groups. Therefore, maximum levels for glycidyl fatty acid esters, expressed as glycidol, and for the sum of 3-MCPD and 3-MCPD fatty acid esters, expressed as 3-MCPD were already established in Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/915 (http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/915/2025-10-08) for vegetable oils and fats, fish oils and oils from other marine organisms, for infant formulae, follow-on formulae and food for special medical purposes intended for infants and young children and young child formulae. This draft Commission Regulation foresees to establish in addition maximum levels for glycidyl fatty acid esters, expressed as glycidol, and for the sum of 3-MCPD and 3-MCPD fatty acid esters, expressed as 3-MCPD in baby food, processed cereal based food for infants and young children and compound food containing more than 5% fat and containing added vegetable oils and fats and/or fish oils and/or oils from other marine organisms to ensure a high level of human health protection.

7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Code of Practice for the Reduction of 3-Monochloropropane-1,2- Diol Esters (3-MCPDEs) and Glycidyl Esters (GEs) in Refined Oils and Food Products Made With Refined Oils (CXC 79-2019)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of 3- and 2-monochloropropanediol (MCPD), and their fatty acid esters, and glycidyl fatty acid esters in food. EFSA Journal 2016;14(5): 4426, 159 pp. https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2016.4426 - Scientific opinion on the update of the risk assessment on 3-monochloropropanediol and its fatty acid esters. EFSA Journal 2018;16(1):5083, 48 pp. https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2018.5083 (available in English)
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Estimated July 2026.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Estimated July 2026.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the <i>Official Journal of the European Union</i>. It shall apply from 1 January 2027.</p> <p>The foodstuffs listed in the Annex, lawfully placed on the market before the entry into force of this Regulation, may remain on the market until the date of minimum durability or use-by-date.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 May 2026</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>European Commission DG Health and Food Safety, Unit A4-Multilateral International Relations Rue Froissart 101 B-1049 Brussels Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263 E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>

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