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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>FINLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Food Department
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): Reptile meat and minced meat, meat preparations containing reptile meat, meat products and heat-treated stomachs, bladders and intestines of reptile meat origin, composite products containing meat products or heat-treated stomachs, bladders and intestines of reptile meat origin. HS codes: 020850 and 021093. Also for example the following HS codes for food containing reptile meat or reptile meat products: 1601 00 91, 1601 00 99 90, 1602 10, 1602 90 99, 1603 00 10, 1603 00 80, 0504 00 00 10, 0504 00 00 90, 1902 20 30, 1905 90 55, 2103 90 90 10, 2103 90 90 80, 2104 10 00 10, 2104 10 00 90, 2104 20, 2106 10 20 90, 2106 10 80 70 and 2106 90.
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: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Decree on meat, processed meat products and composite products containing processed meat products which are imported from third countries. Language(s): Original language of the Decree is Finnish. The relevant parts of the Decree concerning this notification and the import requirements of reptile meat are available in English, please find the text below in point 6 (paragraph 11, paragraph 12 subsection 2, paragraph 13 subsection 2 and paragraph 16 subsection 2). Number of pages:
6. Description of content: This Decree lays down the following import requirements for reptile meat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Import requirements for reptile meat and minced meat (Paragraph 11) Reptile meat and minced meat may only be imported from the third countries and territories or parts thereof mentioned in Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010. The holding of origin for the reptiles must be controlled by a veterinary authority in the country of origin, and the slaughter and production establishment must be approved and controlled by a competent authority in the country of origin. The production, processing and distribution of reptile meat and minced meat must meet the relevant hygiene requirements laid down in Regulations (EC) No 852/2004 and 853/2004. Imported reptile meat and minced meat must be frozen at -12 °C or lower for at least five days in order to kill <i>Spirometra</i> parasites. In addition, meat and minced meat must be examined for <i>salmonella</i> according to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs, and a certificate of the examination must be attached to the imported batch. The rules on controls for <i>Trichinella</i> in meat obtained from animals susceptible to <i>Trichinella</i> infection such as crocodiles are laid down in Chapter III of Commission Implementing Regulation

	<p>(EU) No 2015/1375. Compliance with the requirements in subsection 1 above must be certified by means of a certificate under Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import requirements for meat preparations (Paragraph 12) Para. 12, subsection 2: By way of derogation from subsection 1 above, reptile meat used as the raw material for meat preparations made of reptile meat must comply with the requirements laid down in Para. 11. • Import requirements for meat products and heat-treated stomachs, bladders and intestines (Paragraph 13) Para. 13, subsection 2: By way of derogation from subsections 1 and 2 above, the reptile meat used as the raw material for meat products made of reptile meat and heat-treated stomachs, bladders and intestines must comply with the requirements laid down in Para. 11. • Import requirements for combination products containing meat products or heat-treated stomachs, bladders and intestines (Paragraph 16) Para. 16, subsection 2: By way of derogation from subsection 1 above, reptile meat used for combination products containing meat products or heat-treated stomachs, bladders and intestines made of reptile meat must comply with the requirements laid down in Para. 11.
7.	<p>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.</p>
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input 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"> – Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council – Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council – Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council – Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1375 (<i>Trichinella</i>) – Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 (<i>Salmonella</i>) – EFSA report on reptile meat risk assessment ("Public health risks involved in the human consumption of reptile meat", Scientific Opinion of the Panel on Biological Hazards, The EFSA Journal (2007) 578, 1-55. A direct link to the publication: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2007.578/pdf)
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): June 2017</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): June 2017</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): June 2017</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

12. Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 June 2017

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