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## AMENDMENT OF 'HIGH-RISK' FEED AND FOOD PRODUCTS OF NON-ANIMAL ORIGIN UNDER REGULATION (EC) NO 669/2009

The Regulation (EC) No 669/2009<sup>1</sup> lays down rules concerning the increased level of official controls to be carried out pursuant Article 15.5 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004<sup>2</sup> on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin at the first point of entry into the EU. Safeguard controls on certain 'high-risk' feed and food are listed in Annex I of Regulation (EC) No. 669/2009. The latest amendment is Regulation (EU) No 1235/2012<sup>3</sup>, which applies from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

Since January 25<sup>th</sup> 2010 imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin, from certain non-EU countries, which are considered to be 'high-risk' can only enter the EU through designated points of entry (DPE) where official controls will be carried out. A list of DPEs in all EU Member States is regularly updated on the EU Commission website<sup>4</sup>. A 'high-risk' product is feed or food that is either a known, or an emerging, risk to humans and animals. This may be due to the presence of contaminants and/or undesirable substances such as aflatoxins, Salmonella, viruses or pesticides.

A list of the 'high-risk' products, country of origin and the frequency of checks can be found at Annex I of Commission Regulation (EC) 669/2009, as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 1235/2012. In particular, for consignments of dried vine fruit from Afghanistan, watermelons from Brazil, strawberries from China, peas and beans from Kenya, mint from Morocco, watermelon seeds and derived products from Sierra Leone and certain herbs, spices and vegetables from Vietnam, the relevant sources of information indicate the emergence of new risks and/or a degree of non-compliance with the relevant safety requirements, thereby warranting the introduction of an increased level of official controls. The update is also amended to decrease the intensity of official controls of the commodities for which the available information indicates an overall improvement of compliance with the relevant



requirements provided for in Union legislation and for which the current frequency of official controls is therefore no longer justified. Finally the update is amended by deleting the entries for commodities for which available information indicates an overall satisfactory degree of compliance with the relevant safety requirements.

<sup>1</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:2009R0669:20101007:EN:PDF>

<sup>2</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:2004R0882:20090807:EN:PDF>

<sup>3</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:350:0044:0050:EN:PDF>

<sup>4</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/controls/increased\\_checks/national\\_links\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/controls/increased_checks/national_links_en.htm)

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