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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>PANAMA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Agencia Panameña de Alimentos</i> (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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: <i>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"</i> (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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM No.): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:	
13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:	
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