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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules[(1)], and in particular Article 15(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 669/2009[(2)] lays down rules concerning the increased level of official controls to be carried out on imports of feed and food of non-animal origin listed in Annex I thereto (‘the list’), at the points of entry into the territories referred to in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.

(2) Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 provides that the list is to be reviewed on a regular basis, and at least quarterly, taking into account at least the sources of information referred to in that Article.

(3) The occurrence and relevance of recent food incidents notified through the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed, the findings of audits to third countries carried out by the Food and Veterinary Office, as well as the quarterly reports on consignments of feed and food of non-animal origin submitted by Member States to the Commission in accordance with Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 indicate that the list should be amended.

(4) In particular, for consignments of almonds originating from Australia, pistachios originating from the United States and dried apricots originating from Uzbekistan, the relevant sources of information indicate the emergence of new risks requiring the introduction of an increased level of official controls. Entries concerning those consignments should therefore be included in the list.

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(5) In addition, it is necessary to amend the endnotes set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 in order to ensure that the controls carried out by the Member States in accordance with that Regulation target at least the pesticides listed in the control programme adopted in accordance with Article 29(2) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005[(3)] that can be analysed with multi-residue methods based on GC-MS and LC-MS. It is also appropriate to maintain individual endnotes as regards certain pesticides which are not listed in that control programme or which may require, in one or more Member States, a single-residue method in order to be analysed.

(6) In order to ensure consistency and clarity, it is appropriate to replace Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

(7) Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 April 2015.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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ANNEX

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Feed and food of non-animal origin subject to an increased level of official controls at the designated point of entry

Feed and food(intended use)	**CN code[a]**	**TARIC sub-division**	**Country of origin**	**Hazard**	**Frequency of physical and identity checks (%)**
Dried grapes (vine fruit)	0806 20		**Afghanistan (AF)**	Ochratoxin A	50
(Food)					
— Almonds, in shell	0802 11		**Australia (AU)**	Aflatoxins	20
— Almonds, shelled	0802 12				
(Food)					
— Groundnuts (peanuts), in shell	1202 41 00		**Brazil (BR)**	Aflatoxins	10
— Groundnuts (peanuts), shelled	1202 42 00				
— Peanut butter	2008 11 10				
— Groundnuts (peanuts), otherwise prepared or preserved	2008 11 91; 2008 11 96; 2008 11 98				
(Feed and food)					
— Yardlong beans (*Vigna unguiculata* spp. *sesquipedalis*)	ex 0708 20 00; ex 0710 22 00	10 10	**Cambodia (KH)**	Pesticide residues[bc]	50

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— Aubergines	0709 30 00; ex 0710 80 95	72			
(Food — fresh, chilled or frozen vegetables)					
Chinese celery (*Apium graveolens*)	ex 0709 40 00	20	**Cambodia (KH)**	Pesticide residues[bd]	50
(Food — fresh or chilled herb)					
Brassica oleracea (other edible Brassica, "Chinese Broccoli")[e]	ex 0704 90 90	40	**China (CN)**	Pesticide residues[b]	50
(Food — fresh or chilled)					
Tea, whether or not flavoured	0902		**China (CN)**	Pesticide residues[bf]	10
(Food)					
— Aubergines	0709 30 00; ex 0710 80 95	72	**Dominican Republic (DO)**	Pesticide residues[bg]	10
— Bitter melon (*Momordica charantia*)	— ex 0709 99 90; ex 0710 80 95	70 70			
(Food — fresh, chilled or frozen vegetables)					
— Yardlong beans (*Vigna unguiculata* spp. *sesquipedalis*)	ex 0708 20 00; ex 0710 22 00	10 10	**Dominican Republic (DO)**	Pesticide residues[bg]	20

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— Peppers (sweet and other than sweet) (*Capsicum* spp.)	0709 60 10; ex 0709 60 99	20			
(Food — fresh, chilled or frozen vegetables)	— 0710 80 51; ex 0710 80 59	20			
Strawberries (fresh)	0810 10 00		**Egypt (EG)**	Pesticide residues[bh]	10
(Food)					
Peppers (sweet and other than sweet) (*Capsicum* spp.)	0709 60 10; ex 0709 60 99;	20	**Egypt (EG)**	Pesticide residues[bi]	10
(Food — fresh, chilled or frozen)	0710 80 51; ex 0710 80 59	20			
Betel leaves (*Piper betle* L.)	ex 1404 90 00	10	**India (IN)**	Salmonella[j]	50
(Food)					
Sesamum seeds	1207 40 90		**India (IN)**	Salmonella[j]	20
(Food — fresh or chilled)					
— *Capsicum annuum*, whole	— 0904 21 10 — ex 0904 22 00	10	**India (IN)**	Aflatoxins	20
— *Capsicum annuum*, crushed or ground	0904 21 90				
— Dried fruit of	— 0908 11 00;				