NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** SLOVENIA  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food  Dunajska cesta 22, 1000 Ljubljana  Tel.: 01/478 93 11  Fax.: 01/478 91 55  E-naslov: [gp.mkgp@gov.si](mailto:gp.mkgp@gov.si), [sps.mkgp@gov.si](mailto:sps.mkgp@gov.si)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Cereals and buckwheat: wheat, rye, barley, oats, spelt, corn, millet, buckwheat |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The specification "selected quality" - production and processing of cereals and buckwheat: wheat, rye, barley, oats, spelt, corn, millet, buckwheat. |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** A specification was prepared by producers and processors, represented by the The Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia, The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia - Chamber of Agricultural and Food Enterprises, Cooperative Union of Slovenia and the The Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia. The specification was also approved by the Slovenian Chamber of Commerce.  The proposed specification lays down additional requirements for the cereals sector, which mainly concern production. A 5-year crop plan is required, prohibiting the production of the same type of cereal twice in a row on the same area. Due to the risk of fusariosis, the ban on the cultivation of wheat and barley in a two-field maize field is further applied. In the production of cereals, in order to avoid the possibility of infection with fungal pathogens, organic residues must be mixed into the soil. Fertilisation with digestate or compost from urban waste water treatment plants shall be prohibited. Plant protection products authorised in integrated or organic production may be used.  All cereals and buckwheat ingredients used in processing must have a "selected quality" certificate. All other basic ingredients used like milk and milk products, fruits,...), for which there are valid specifications for the "selected quality" scheme, also must have certificate.  The specification refers to the labelling of cereals and products for which the basic raw material is produced and processed in the same country. The requirements of the proposed specification therefore relate to the labelling of the 'select quality' logo indicating the country of production and processing of the basic raw material. The indication of the country of production and processing in logo is interchangeable. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  Rules on the procedure for the recognition of "selected quality" designation |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 17 March 2023  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 17 March 2023 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Slovenian Institute for Standardization SIST  WTO TBT Enquiry Point  Ulica Gledališča BTC 2  SI 1000 Ljubljana - Slovenia  E-mail: [contact@sist.si](mailto:contact@sist.si)  <https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/sl/search/?trisaction=search.detail&year=2022&num=868> |