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BACKGROUND NOTE

Tunisia: new import control measures (raised by France)

New technical import restrictions were introduced by Tunisia on 17 October 2022 without prior consultation, see attached the press statement with a list of products.

In addition to the existing technical control, the new provisions require a prior import control on a new list of 130 product categories including products such as cosmetics, textile, home appliance, cables as well as some agricultural products, which means that the importer must obtain an import visa issued by the Ministry of Trade and/or Health and provide new paper documents. The introduction of this new measure has not been subject to any consultation with the WTO, economic operators nor the EU Delegation.

The Commission will inform about recent contacts with the Tunisian authorities on this matter.