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ePing Analysis - Challenges encountered

- Members should indicate if their measure deviate from the relevant, if any, international standard(s), but:
- **Need for a structured template:** Members use a free-text field to justify the deviation
- **Challenging** to organize deviations into **categories**
- **Harder to monitor** potential issues for international harmonization

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[sps8ey] Yes [sps8en] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: sps8e



Solution proposed

Why?

This change supports and facilitates the notification procedure with clear identification of deviations, **enhancing monitoring of international harmonization** in line with the SPS mandate and transparency provisions

- Include an option to **choose from a set menu of types of deviation**
- The selection could then be followed by a **detailed explanation**

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, why does it deviate from the international standard?

☐ The notification proposes a stricter standard due to contextual or climatic differences

☐ A different risk assessment was conducted, leading to a new and different standard

- This list is not exhaustive, and Members may wish to propose other types of deviations.

Describe, if applicable, how and why it deviates from the international standard: *[insert answer here]*

