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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

- Notifying Member: <u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u>
 If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE)
- 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): Live poultry (HS Code: 0105), and poultry products including poultry meat (HS Code: 0207), day-old chicks (HS Code: 0105.11), hatching eggs, except heat-treated meat
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [] All trading partners
 - [X] Specific regions or countries: Mpumalanga, South Africa
- **5. Title of the notified document:** United Arab Emirates is imposing a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their untreated by-product, day-old chicks, hatching eggs from South Africa, and imposition of a temporary ban on the importation of poultry meat and table eggs from Mpumalanga in South Africa. **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 2
- 6. **Description of content:** Following the notification published by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on 22 June 2017 regarding the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus (HPAI) in Mpumalanga in South Africa, United Arab Emirates is applying a precautionary sanitary measure to prevent the risk of introducing HPAI virus through the imports of live birds and their products from South Africa. These measures include:
 - Temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their untreated by-products, day-old chicks and hatching eggs originating from South Africa;
 - Temporary ban on poultry meat and table eggs and their untreated products from Mpumalanga in South Africa, except heat-treated products;
 - Consignments of poultry meat shipped from Mpumalanga in South Africa before 1 June 2017 were permitted.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: There is a risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Mpumalanga in South Africa, which is affected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. This follows the notification of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Mpumalanga in South Africa on 22 June 2017. These applied measures are in compliance with Article 10.4.4, Chapter 10.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

- 9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
 - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 10.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

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

- 10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- 11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 5 July 2017
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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