NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United Arab Emirates**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):** All kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Kerala state, India |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** United Arab Emirates is imposing a temporary ban on the importation of all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables from Kerala. **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 2 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Following the information published on the World Health Organization (WHO) website on the registration of the Nipah virus (NiV) outbreak in Kerala, the United Arab Emirates is applying a precautionary sanitary measure to prevent the risk of introducing the Nipah virus (NiV) through the imports of all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables from Kerala. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [****X] animal health, [****X] 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 fresh fruits and vegetables from Kerala, which is affected with the Nipah virus (NiV). |
| **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)*:****[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:****[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:****[****X] None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?****[ ]** **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):** 29 May 2018**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
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