NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** the State of Kuwait**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** The Public Authority for Food and Nutrition (PAFN) |
| **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):** Vegetables and fruits |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** India |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Notice of Executive Order of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ref. No. 448/2018, dated 7 June 2018 entitled "Lifting of the Temporary Ban on the Importation of Vegetables and Fruits (Fresh - Frozen - Refrigerated) from India". **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 1<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YJnEP3-TuiicuYcBn-dttltoNqomAh02/view?usp=sharing> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Lifting of the temporary ban on the importation of vegetables and fruits (fresh - frozen - refrigerated) from India to the State of Kuwait due to a formal letter from the Ministry of Health that included an email from WHO (International Health Regulation 2005) stating that imposing a ban on the whole country violates Article 43 of IHR and may amount to significant interference with international trade. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****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:** The MOCI decided to lift the temporary ban on the importation of vegetables and fruits (fresh - frozen - refrigerated) from India after reviewing the IHR 2005 regulations and the Ministry of Health letter. |
| **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)*:**Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 11.4. and Chapter 14.8**[ ]** **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):** 7 June 2018   **[ ]** **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:** Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) – International Organization DepartmentTel: +(965) 9995 6559E-mail: Notify@moci.gov.kwWebsite: <https://www.moci.gov.kw/> |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) – International Organization DepartmentTel: +(965) 9995 6559E-mail: Notify@moci.gov.kwWebsite: <https://www.moci.gov.kw/> |