NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Mauritius**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Livestock and Veterinary Services of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security |
| **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 Ready to Eat (RTE) meat products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** South Africa |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Temporary restriction on importation of Ready to Eat meat products from South Africa due to the prevalence of Listeriosis. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/MUS/18_2470_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notice relates to the decision taken by the Livestock and Veterinary Services Of The Ministry Of Agro Industry And Food Security for a temporary restriction on all ready-to-eat meat products imported from South Africa due to the outbreak of *Listeria* contamination. |
| **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:** This emergency measure is being implemented to manage the sanitary risk associated with the presence of *Listeria* contamination in ready-to-eat meat products from South Africa.The decision has been taken following the recent outbreak of *Listeria* contamination in ready-to-eat meat in South Africa. Following confirmation from the Ministry of Health in South Africa that the source of *Listeria* contamination has been traced to processed meat products that are being sold as ready to eat products, the Livestock and Veterinary Services Of The Ministry Of Agro Industry And Food Security of Mauritius has imposed a temporary restriction on all ready-to-eat meat products imported from South Africa.All processed meat products imported from South Africa, namely polonies, hams, Vienna, cold meats and pre-cooked sausages have been removed from the local market by the Food Import Unit of the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life. The Ministry of Health and Quality of Life in collaboration with the Livestock and Veterinary Services Of The Ministry Of Agro Industry And Food Security, is investigating consignments on the market, that have been previously imported from South Africa and a surveillance programme has also been set up. |
| **9.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:** **[****X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**CAC/GL 61 - 2007**[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:****[ ]** **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):** Immediate effect   **[ ]** **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:** Dr D. Meenowa, Assistant DirectorLivestock and Veterinary DivisionMinistry of Agro Industry and Food SecurityReduitMauritiusTel: +(230) 464 0881Fax: +(230) 464 2210E-mail: moa-dvs@govmu.org |
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