NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** MALAYSIA**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Food Safety and Quality Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia |
| **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):** Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled (HS code(s): 0201); Meat of bovine animals, frozen (HS code(s): 0202); Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code(s): 0203); Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code(s): 0204); Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code(s): 0206); Meat and edible offal of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code(s): 0207); Fresh, chilled or frozen meat and edible offal of rabbits or hares (HS code(s): 020810); Pig fat, free of lean meat, and poultry fat, not rendered or otherwise extracted, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked (HS code(s): 0209); Milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (HS code(s): 0401); Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked (HS code(s): 0407); Fats of bovine animals, sheep or goats (excl. oil and oleostearin) (HS code(s): 1502) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X]** **All trading partners** **[****]** **Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Amendment to Table I and Table II of the Fifteenth A Schedule of the Food Regulations 1985 [P.U.(A) 437/1985].**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The proposed amendments to Table I and Table II of the Fifteenth A Schedule of the Food Regulations 1985 are as follows:1. Deletion of colistin and the particulars relating to it from Table I of the Fifteenth A Schedule;
2. Insertion of colistin in Table II of the Fifteenth A Schedule as a drug prohibited in food.
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| **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.** | **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)*:** Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and Risk Management Recommendations (RMRs) For Residues Of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CX/MRL 2-2021)**[****]** **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?** **[****]** **Yes [****X]** **No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** These proposed amendments are made in line with a Directive of Malaysian Control of Drugs and Cosmetics Regulations 1984 regarding the listing of all polymyxins (except Polymyxin B in the form of topical preparation) as a prohibited substance in veterinary drug products in Malaysia. Previously, Malaysia through the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA), notified a TBT notification (G/TBT/N/MYS/91) to limit the usage of veterinary medicine containing colistin in food‑producing animal due to the emerging safety issue related to resistance caused by colistin. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) "Critically Important Antimicrobials for Human Medicine" which is a reference to help formulate and prioritize risk assessment and risk management strategies for containing antimicrobial resistance, Polymyxin E (colistin) is categorized as Critically Important Antimicrobials based on the Annex 1 (List of medically important Antimicrobials) and the Table 2 (Prioritization of antimicrobials categorized as "Critically Important" in human medicine). |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** **[****]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable**PAgency or authority designated to handle comments: [****]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** Food Safety and Quality DivisionMinistry of Health MalaysiaLevel 4, Menara PrismaNo. 26, Jalan Persiaran Perdana, Presint 3Federal Government Administration CentreTel: +(603) 8885 0797Fax: +(603) 8889 3815E-mail: sps.fsqd@moh.gov.my |
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