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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

- 1. Notifying Member: MALAYSIA
  - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Department of Veterinary Services (DVS)
- 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): Products of animal origin intended for human consumption
- 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:** Proposal of a new regulation entitled Veterinary Public Health Bill 202x. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 15
- 6. **Description of content:** The Department of Veterinary Services, Malaysia is proposing the Veterinary Public Health Bill 202x. This act is to consolidate the laws on Veterinary Public Health within Peninsular Malaysia and Federal Territory of Labuan for the control and prevention of zoonotic foodborne disease and contaminant on animal based foods to achieve food safety; to regulate activities related to pollution and nuisances in slaughterhouses, livestock farms and animal product processing plants and matters incidental thereto or connected therewith. The objectives and scope of the implementation of the Veterinary Public Health Bill are generally to:
  - Expend the scope and functions of veterinary inspections as the tasks are increasingly focused on ensuring that animal-based and products produced are consistently clean and safe for consumption;
  - 2. Implement comprehensive and more effective veterinary inspections, conducted by 90% of veterinary inspectors within five years at livestock farms, slaughterhouses, abattoirs, and livestock product processing facilities;
  - 3. Ensure meat inspection is conducted at all licensed government and private slaughterhouses, poultry slaughterhouses, and small and medium scale poultry slaughter premises by the year 2030;
  - 4. Reduce incidents of foodborne illnesses originating from animal products, particularly foodborne zoonotic diseases, by 20% annually;
  - 5. Increase the percentage of animal product exports to international markets by 5% within five years, enhancing global trade opportunities and competitiveness through international recognition;
  - 6. Ensure compliance with food safety standards for animal-based products by achieving at least 80% compliance in premises with relevant regulations, standards, and guidelines by the year 2030.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] 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: 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 [X] Animal Health Code, chapter number): Animal Health (WOAH) Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 6 (Veterinary Public Health), Chapters 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13 and 6.14 [] **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: 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: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 April 2025 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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