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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
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): Raw petfood (HS code(s): 0408; 0506; 0508; 0511, 2301, 2309)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Model Health Certificate GBHC562 for raw petfood. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 9
6. Description of content: <p>1. Model Health Certificate GBHC562 for raw petfood cites the import conditions for fishery products: These were previously set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/626 but are now published on GOV.UK. GBHC562 has therefore been amended to reflect this change.</p> <p>2. Attestation AH/P801, covering random sampling requirements, will also be revised to correct a clerical error made when the certificate was last published. It currently states: <i>"the competent authority examined a random sample of the products immediately prior to dispatch and found it to comply with microbiological GB requirements for Salmonella and Enterobacteriaceae;"</i> This will be corrected to the following: <i>"the pet food being certified must be analysed by a random sampling of at least five samples from each processed batch taken during or after storage at the processing plant and found to comply with microbiological GB requirements for Salmonella and Enterobacteriaceae;"</i> This brings the text back in line with Great Britain's actual import requirement for random sampling.</p> <p>Publishing import conditions on GOV.UK means they can be amended administratively rather than through legislation. This allows for more agile responses to changes in risk.</p> <p>The requirement currently cited in Attestation AH/P801 is erroneous and was made by clerical error when the certificate was drafted. This revision clarifies the correct import requirement.</p> <p>The intention of this attestation is that in the case of raw petfood, the competent authority assures themselves, prior to signing the certificate, that the sampling has been carried out prior to dispatch, during or after storage at the processing plant and complies with microbiological requirements for Great Britain (GB).</p>

There is no requirement for the sampling to be carried out by the competent authority.	
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terrestrial Animal Health Code: Chapter 5.10 - Aquatic Animal Health Code: Chapter 5.11 <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 31 July 2025</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 31 July 2025</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 January 2026</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 2 August 2025</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building 2 Marsham St London SW1P 4DF E-mail : UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>UK WTO SPS National Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Seacole Building 2 Marsham St London SW1P 4DF E-mail : UKSPS@defra.gov.uk</p>