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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
3.	<b>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):</b> Live animals and animal products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Health of Animals Regulations. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 156
6.	<p><b>Description of content:</b> The Government of Canada is committed to reducing red tape. In support of this commitment, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has amended the <i>Health of Animals Regulations</i> (HAR) to remove outdated requirements and implement modern regulatory tools.</p> <p>Ambulatory Incorporation by Reference of the Import Reference Document</p> <p>Canada's Import Reference Document (IRD) sets out conditions for importing animals and germplasm into Canada to mitigate any potential risks and is incorporated by reference into the Health of Animals Regulations (HAR). Incorporated by reference documents have the same force as the regulation into which it is incorporated.</p> <p>The CFIA changed the incorporation by reference of the IRD in the HAR from a static to an ambulatory basis to allow updates to be made in accordance with Canada's incorporation by reference policies rather than requiring a regulatory amendment. This will create a more responsive Canadian import framework, enabling quicker alignment with international standards and emerging science.</p> <p>Updates to the IRD have also been made to respond to Canadian stakeholder requests to streamline conditions and align them with domestic requirements. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updating import conditions for veal feeder calves imported from the United States (US) to:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. increase the maximum timeframe that feeder calves must be slaughtered after import from 36 to 40 weeks;</li><li>2. increase the minimum age at import from eight days to nine days to align with domestic transport of animal requirements under the HAR; and</li><li>3. increase the maximum age at import from 14 days to 21 days.</li></ol></li><li>• Updating <i>Salmonella</i> Enteritidis (SE) testing requirement for hatching eggs imported from the US and destined to a Canadian licenced hatchery to align with domestic requirements.</li></ul>

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input 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.
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 6.6</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 8 October 2025</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 8 October 2025</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 October 2025</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input 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>
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