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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Climate Change and Environment
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 live animals, their products and their by-products
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: Electronic certificates and permit issued by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAЕ). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/ARE/26_00856_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Ministry of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates (MOCCAЕ) would like to inform its international partners and competent authorities that, as part of its digital transformation and service enhancement efforts, manual official stamps on veterinary health certificates have been replaced with secure electronic digital stamps. This update applies to all health certificates issued through MOCCAЕ's electronic system for the following services: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Application for a Veterinary Health Certificate for Export or Re-export of Live Animals;2. Application for a Veterinary Health Certificate for Export or Re-export of Animal Products;3. Animal By-products, Fish and Fishery Products, and Manufactured Feed. The electronic digital stamp is officially issued and verified through MOCCAЕ's digital certification system. This measure enhances document security, traceability, and authenticity, while facilitating faster processing and international verification. The implementation of this change will take effect starting 23 February 2026. Veterinary health certificates issued from this date onward may bear the electronic digital stamp instead of the manual stamp. All competent authorities and trading partners are kindly requested to accept veterinary health certificates bearing the electronic digital stamp as officially valid documents issued by the UAE. For verification or further technical clarification regarding the digital stamp, authorities may contact MOCCAЕ through official communication channels, or use the available platform, at the following link: https://eservices.moccae.gov.ae/digitalcertificates/certificateverification.aspx or https://uaepass.ae/

7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input 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): 23 February 2026</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 23 February 2026</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 23 February 2026. The implementation of this change will take effect starting 23 February 2026. Veterinary health certificates issued from this date onward may bear the electronic digital stamp instead of the manual stamp.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable</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>Ministry of Climate Change and Environment SPS Notification and Enquiry Point United Arab Emirates E-mail: uaesps@moccae.gov.ae</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>Ministry of Climate Change and Environment SPS Notification and Enquiry Point United Arab Emirates E-mail: uaesps@moccae.gov.ae</p>