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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Revision

1.	Notifying Member: <u>MALAYSIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Fisheries Biosecurity Division, Department of Fisheries (DoF)
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): Live ornamental aquatic animals
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Update of the import protocol for live freshwater ornamental fish, live marine ornamental fish and ornamental crustaceans (revision to G/SPS/N/MYS/26). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 12 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01399_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01399_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01399_02_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Department of Fisheries Malaysia, according to the Section 40 on Control of Live Fish, Fisheries Act 1985 (Act 317) has reviewed the notification of G/SPS/N/MYS/26 (7 January 2011). This amendment accounts for the reclassification and consolidation of species within their respective commodity groups. Furthermore, it incorporates requirements for disease analysis, biosecurity risks, and the specific purpose of exportation to Malaysia. The purpose of this notification is to inform all countries on the updated protocol for the importation of: 1. Live Freshwater Ornamental Fish; 2. Live Marine Ornamental Fish; and 3. Live Ornamental Crustaceans. Freshwater and marine ornamental fish exhibit distinct profiles of disease susceptibility due to fundamental differences in their aquatic environments. These differences, particularly in water chemistry and ecology, directly influence pathogen viability, transmission, and host-pathogen interactions. The main content of the protocols is as follows: 1. Import Conditions Prior to Arrival in Malaysia; 2. Animal Health Certification Requirements for the Import of Live Ornamental Fish into Malaysia; 3. Import Conditions on Arrival in Malaysian Territory. This import protocol mandates that all importers adhere to the stipulated conditions prior

	to consignment arrival, meet all health certification standards, and comply with all procedures upon arrival in Malaysia, as outlined in Annex I. According to Fisheries Act 1985, "Fish" means any aquatic animal or plant life, sedentary or not, and includes all species of finfish, crustacea, mollusca, aquatic mammals, or their eggs or spawn, fry, fingerling, spat or young, but does not include any species of otters, turtles or their eggs.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☐ 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: ☐ 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 Animal Health Code, chapter number): – Section 5 (Trade Measures, Importation/Exportation Procedures and Health Certification) – Chapter 5.3., WOA procedures relevant to the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization – Chapter 5.9., Aquatic animal health measures applicable on arrival ☐ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ☐ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☒ 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: Fisheries Act 1985 (available on the internet homepage of the DoF https://www.dof.gov.my in English) and WOA Aquatic Animal Health Code
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 May 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 May 2026
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 June 2026 ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 May 2026 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Fisheries Biosecurity Division Department of Fisheries, Malaysia Level 3, Podium 2, Block 4G2, Wisma Tani, Precint 4 Federal Government Administrative Centre 62628 Putrajaya, Malaysia Tel: +(603) 8870 4606 Fax: +(603) 8890 3794 E-mail: spsdof@dof.gov.my

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