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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> National Department of Agriculture (Directorate: Animal Health)
<b>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):</b> Live domestic dogs
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Veterinary Health Certificate in Respects of Dogs for Export to the Republic of South Africa. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 5 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/ZAF/26_01447_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/ZAF/26_01447_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Due to international changes in the availability of reagent for the <i>Babesia gibsoni</i> Immunofluorescence Antibody Test (IFAT) and the <i>Brucella canis</i> disease status in several countries, South Africa has revised the import conditions for domestic dogs with regards to the testing requirements and certification for these diseases.
<b>7. 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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>

10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Sixty days from the date of circulation.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Sixty days from the date of circulation.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Sixty days from the date of circulation, the veterinary health certificate will be implemented.  <b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 15 May 2026  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  National Enquiry Point  Department of Agriculture  Directorate Animal Health  Dr Nadia DeBeer  Tel: + (27 12) 319 7522  E-mail: <a href="mailto:NadiaDB@nda.gov.za">NadiaDB@nda.gov.za</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  National Enquiry Point  Department of Agriculture  Directorate Animal Health  Dr Nadia DeBeer  Tel: + (27 12) 319 7522  E-mail: <a href="mailto:NadiaDB@nda.gov.za">NadiaDB@nda.gov.za</a></p>