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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>INDIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
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): Equids/Non-Equid perissodactyls (Wild Ass, Zebra, Hippopotamus, Tapir, Rhinoceros and other similar species)
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: Draft Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Equids/Non-Equid perissodactyls (Wild Ass, Zebra, Hippopotamus, Tapir, Rhinoceros and other similar species) into India. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 6 https://www.dahd.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-04/DraftVeterinaryHealthCertificateForImportOfEquidsAndNonEquidPerissodactyls.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/IND/26_02543_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The draft Veterinary Health Certificate for import of equids and non-equid perissodactyls into India prescribes detailed sanitary, quarantine, testing, vaccination, transportation, and post-import requirements to ensure biosecurity and prevent the introduction of infectious and contagious diseases. The certificate includes provisions relating to animal identification, origin, pre-export quarantine, disease-free status of the exporting country or establishment, mandatory vaccination and diagnostic testing protocols for various equine diseases, vector protection measures, transportation hygiene, and post-import quarantine procedures in India. It also lays down responsibilities of the competent veterinary authority and importer, while aligning the import conditions with guidelines laydown by World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) standards.
7. Objective and rationale: <input 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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 July 2026</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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> <p>Ms Varsha Joshi, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, Room No. 240, Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001; Fax: +(91 11) 2338 4509; E-mail: trade.division@dahd.nic.in, jsdairy-ahd@gov.in</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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> <p>Ms Varsha Joshi, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, Room No. 240, Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001; Fax: +(91 11) 2338 4509; E-mail: trade.division@dahd.nic.in, jsdairy-ahd@gov.in</p>