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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, Government of India
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 semen
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 Equid Semen into India. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 8 https://www.dahd.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-04/DraftVeterinaryHealthCertificateForImportofEquidSemenIntoIndia_0.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/IND/26_02544_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The document is a draft Veterinary Health Certificate for import of equid semen into India, outlining the general information, sanitary requirements, testing protocols, collection procedures, storage, transport conditions, and post-import quarantine measures applicable for import consignments. It prescribes detailed animal health requirements for donor stallions from major equine diseases such as African Horse Sickness, Equine Infectious Anemia, Equine Viral Arteritis, Glanders, Dourine, Brucellosis, and Contagious Equine Metritis, in line with the standards of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). The certificate further specifies requirements related to approved semen collection centres, laboratory testing, traceability, packaging, transport hygiene, and post-import inspection and testing.
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, Chapter 4.6 <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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>	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>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>
12.	<p>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>
13.	<p>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>