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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Bureau of Animal and Plant Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture
- 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 fish, their gametes and fertilized eggs
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- Title of the notified document: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Live Fish and Their Gametes and Fertilized Eggs. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 8
 - http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/TPKM/17 1149 00 e.pdf
- **6. Description of content:** The Requirements regulate the importation of live fish, their gametes and fertilized eggs. The main points of the amendments include:
 - For consignments granted importing approval by the competent authority of aquaculture as part of its national genetic renewal project or for specific research purposes, post-entry quarantine and testing may be the alternatives to the requirement of being accompanied by an original health certificate issued by the exporting country attesting to the health status of the consignments;
 - 2. The deletion of one fish species from the designated quarantine items and the addition of 10 fish species into the designated quarantine items in order to conform to the latest version of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code and the Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] 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):
 - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code Chapters 10.1 to 10.10 and Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals 2.3.0 to 2.3.12
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

[] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] 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: http://www.baphiq.gov.tw/view.php?catid=16229 (available in Chinese)
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 3 May 2017

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 3 May 2017

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 2 May 2017

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