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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>THAILAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: -
2. Agency responsible: Department of Livestock Development (DLD)
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 animals and animal products (HS codes: 0101, 0102, 0103, 0105, 0201, 0203 etc.)
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 DLD procedures, B.E. ..., entitled "Procedures to approve for import live animals and/or animal products into the Kingdom of Thailand". Language(s): Thai. Number of pages: 3 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/THA/18_0207_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The DLD is proposing the revised procedures on market access for import of animals and animal products into Thailand which have been issued under the Animal Epidemic Act. B.E. 2558 (2015). The brief details of procedures are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Competent Authority (National Veterinary Authority) of exporting country shall send an official letter on market access for import of animals and animal products to Director General of DLD.2. The request will be considered by the committee on market access of animals and animal products.3. After consideration by the committee, DLD will send questionnaires for assessment of animal health and public health controls as well as veterinary services of the exporting country.4. The National Veterinary Authority of exporting country shall complete the questionnaire and return it back to DLD for further consideration by the scientific committee on food safety and risk assessment of animals and animal products.5. The onsite inspection mission will be conducted once the pre-onsite questionnaire is completed by the Competent Authority of exporting country.6. After the onsite inspection mission, the DLD audit team will submit the report to the committee for evaluation.7. If the result of evaluation is satisfied, DLD will send the animal health requirement to the Competent Authority of exporting country.8. The Competent Authority of exporting country shall send a draft health certificate in compliance with the import requirement to be approved by DLD.9. Finally, DLD will circulate the list of approved establishments and eligible model of veterinary health certificate to the public and send to the National Veterinary Authority of exporting country.

7.	Objective and rationale: <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.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): OIE - Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2017: Section 5.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <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>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The Animal Epidemic Act B.E. 2558 (2015) (available in Thai)
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): On the date after being notified in the Official Gazette.</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): 19 March 2018</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" 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>National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900 Thailand Tel: +(662) 561 4024 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 +(662) 561 4088 E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com Website: http://www.acfs.go.th</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" 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>Thailand SPS Enquiry Point E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com</p>