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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> CANADA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada
<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> Amphibians: 210400; Salamanders: 210403
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> Regions of the world where <i>Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans</i> has been diagnosed, currently limited to regions within Asia and Europe. Imports affected would include shipments of salamanders or salamander parts either originating from or transiting through these regions. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act. Notice of intent to amend Schedule II of the <i>Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations</i> . <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Amendments to the <i>Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations</i> (WAPTR), under the authority of subsection 21(1) of the <i>Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act</i> (WAPPRIITA), in order to restrict the importation of salamanders into Canada. <i>Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans</i> ( <i>Bsal</i> ) is a disease-causing fungus that has been devastating native salamander populations in Europe. It is believed to have originated in East Asia and to have been introduced into Europe through the international pet trade. If the fungus were to reach Canada, it is likely that the impacts on native salamander species would also be severe. As a result of the proposed regulatory amendment, which would come into force 12 May 2018, the importation into Canada of all species of the taxonomic order Caudata, whether living or dead, and including their eggs, sperm, tissue culture or embryos, or any part or derivative of the species, would be prohibited unless authorized by a permit issued by the Minister of the Environment.
<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"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> – In May 2017, <i>Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans</i> was added to the OIE list of aquatic animal diseases in Chapter 1 of the Aquatic Animal Health Code.

<p>– Aquatic Animal Health Code - Chapter 1:  <a href="http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=171&amp;L=0&amp;htmfile=chapitre_diseases_listed.htm">http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=171&amp;L=0&amp;htmfile=chapitre_diseases_listed.htm</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Canada Gazette</i>, Part I, 28 October 2017  <a href="http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-10-28/html/notice-avis-eng.html">http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-10-28/html/notice-avis-eng.html</a></li> <li>– Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act <a href="http://lois-laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/W-8.5/page-1.html">http://lois-laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/W-8.5/page-1.html</a></li> <li>– Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations  <a href="http://lois-laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-96-263/index.html">http://lois-laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-96-263/index.html</a>            (available in English and French)</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 12 May 2018</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 12 May 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 25 March 2018</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Comments on this proposed regulation can be submitted to Caroline Ladanowski, Director, Wildlife Management and Regulatory Affairs Division, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada, 351 Saint-Joseph Boulevard, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H3; E-mail: <a href="mailto:ec.ReglementsFaune-WildlifeRegulations.ec@canada.ca">ec.ReglementsFaune-WildlifeRegulations.ec@canada.ca</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-10-28/html/notice-avis-eng.html">http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-10-28/html/notice-avis-eng.html</a> (English)  <a href="http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-10-28/html/notice-avis-fra.html">http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2017/2017-10-28/html/notice-avis-fra.html</a> (French)</p> <p>or requested from:</p> <p>Canada's SPS and TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point          Technical Barriers and Regulations Division          Global Affairs Canada          111 Sussex Drive          Ottawa, Ontario          K1A 0G2          Tel: +(343) 203 4273          Fax: +(613) 943 0346          E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@international.gc.ca">enquiry@international.gc.ca</a></p>