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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
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): Fish and crustacean and other products of aquatic animal origin
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Viet Nam
5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Administrative Order of Saudi Food and Drug Authority Ref. No. 21174 dated 23 January 2018 (06/05/1439 AH) entitled "Temporary ban on the importation of fish and crustacean and other products of aquatic animal origin originating from Viet Nam". Language(s): . Number of pages:
6. Description of content: Based on the OIE "Quarterly Aquatic Animal Disease Report (Asia-Pacific Region) April - June 2017", White spot disease (WSD) and Acute hepatopancreatic necrosis disease (AHPND) are known to be present in Viet Nam. In addition, the SFDA technical team visited Viet Nam, observed the controls applied by the Vietnamese government for export facilities of fish and crustacean and other products of aquatic animal origin, and made recommendations. Therefore, the import of fish and crustacean and other products of aquatic animal origin from Viet Nam to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The "Quarterly Aquatic Animal Disease Report (Asia-Pacific Region) April - June 2017" shows that WSD and AHPND are present in Viet Nam. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is instituting this emergency measure to prevent the introduction of WSD and AHPND into the country.
9. 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): Aquatic Animal Health Code, Chapters 9.1. and 9.8 <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>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 23 January 2018 (06/05/1439 AH)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. 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>Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unit (1) - Riyadh 13312 - 6288 Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, ext. 3331 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfda.gov.sa</p>
<p>13. 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>Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unit (1) - Riyadh 13312 - 6288 Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, ext. 3331 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfda.gov.sa</p>