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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 Health 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): Porcine semen
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Porcine Semen. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 8

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- **6. Description of content:** The Requirements regulate the importation of porcine semen. The main points of the amendments include:
  - 1. In addition to frozen porcine semen to which the current Requirements apply, fresh porcine semen is also included into the scope of the proposed draft amendments;
  - 2. Test methods designated in the Requirements must comply with the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Test and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals. When such methods are not available, methods published in international scientific journals are to be used;
  - 3. Harmonize conditions to be met by the donor boars, their farms of origin, the semen collection centre, and collection, processing and storage of the semen with international standards, taking into consideration domestic and exporting countries' disease situations.
- 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 Terrestrial Animal Health Code Sections 8, 15 and Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals Sections 2.1, 2.8 and 2.9.

|     | <ul> <li>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</li> <li>None</li> <li>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</li> </ul>  |
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|     | [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: <a href="https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/view.php?catid=17131">https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/view.php?catid=17131</a> (available in Chinese)                     |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.   |
|     | <b>Proposed date of publication (</b> <i>dd</i> / <i>mm</i> / <i>yy</i> ): To be determined.  |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.  |
|     | [ ] Trade facilitating measure  |
| 12. | Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 July 2018   |
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