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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Health. Directorate: Food Control
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): Ready-To-Eat (RTE) heat treated meat products
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: Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act (Act 54/1972): Regulations Relating to the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System (HACCP System): Amendment. (Government Notice R.607 of 14 June 2018). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/ZAF/18_3309_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The amendment to the Regulations Relating to the Application of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System (HACCP System), R908 of 2003 makes provision for mandatory application of a HACCP System by the food handling enterprises listed in Annex B.
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: Due to the fact that ready to eat (RTE) processed meat products were the source of the Listeriosis outbreak, the Director General of Health recommended on the basis of food safety and the health of the consumers, that the food handling enterprises be listed to implement a mandatory Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System (HACCP System). The Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act (Act 54/1972), makes provision for a regulation/amendment to be published without a comment period if it is in the interest of public health.
9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CAC/RCP 1-1969 GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOOD HYGIENE <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<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>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulations Relating to the Application of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System (HACCP System): (No. R908 of 27 June 2003) - Government Gazette No. 41707 dated 14 June 2018 (available in English)
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): Within nine months from 14 June 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Department of Health Directorate: Food Control Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001 Tel: +(27 12) 395 9359 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 E-mail: Shirley.duPlessis@health.gov.za and copy: CACPSA@health.gov.za</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Department of Health Directorate: Food Control Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001 Tel: +(27 12) 395 9359 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 E-mail: Shirley.duPlessis@health.gov.za and copy: CACPSA@health.gov.za</p>