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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

## Revision

- 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): Animals and animal products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **Title of the notified document:** Draft amendments to "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Frozen/Chilled Uneviscerated Fish Products". **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 6

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- **6. Description of content:** The Requirements regulate the importation of the frozen/chilled uneviscerated fish products. The main points of the amendments include the following:
  - 1. The Requirements are amended to be consistent with the relevant standards of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code and Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals;
  - 2. The original draft amendments to the Requirements were notified as G/SPS/N/TPKM/466 on 2 August 2018 which replaced five fish species (using common names) with fifty-five fish species (using scientific names) from the designated quarantine items in order to conform to the latest version of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code and the Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals;
  - 3. The revised draft amendments to the Requirements only amend the fish species of attached table from fifty-five species into sixteen species after considering the commentaries from the industry. Other contents are the same as the version notified on 2 August 2018.
- 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 Aquatic Animal Health Code Chapters 10.1 to 10.10 and Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals 2.3.0 to 2.3.12
- [ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
- [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [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/files/web articles files/baphiq/19536/24739.pdf">https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/files/web articles files/baphiq/19536/24739.pdf</a> (available in Chinese)
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** To be determined.

**Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):** 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): 17 December 2019

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