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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b> -
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Bureau of Pathogen and Animal Toxin Act, Department of Medical Sciences, Ministry of Public Health
<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>  1. Micro-organism and product thereof, that cause of disease in Human being and Livestock animal; 2. Animal toxin, that harm to Human and Livestock animal; 3. Biological agent and Product of animal toxin, that cause of disease in Human being and Livestock animal (HS Code: 3002.90.00)
<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> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> The Pathogen and Animal Toxin Act B.E. 2558 <b>Language(s):</b> Thai <b>Number of pages:</b> 24 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/THA/15_4756_00_x.PDF">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/THA/15_4756_00_x.PDF</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Due to the inconsistencies with the current situation from emerging disease, it is deemed appropriate to repeal Pathogen and Animal Toxin Act B.E. 2525 and B.E.2544 and establish the Pathogen and Animal Toxin Act B.E. 2558.  The new Act has been amended as follows: 1. Establishing the Committee on Pathogen and Animal Toxin; 2. Authorizing the Minister of Public Health to issue the regulations, rules, procedures, and conditions to protect and prevent public health from Pathogen and Animal Toxin; 3. Amending the regulatory controls on manufacturing, distribution, possession, importation, exportation or transit, and transportation of Pathogen and Animal Toxin in accordance with WHO by classifying the risk group; 4. Amending the provision on civil liability and penalty; 5. Amending the provision on administrative fees.  The measure is based on a WHO Standard as follows: 1. World Health Organization - Laboratory Biosafety Manual - Third Edition, 2004; 2. Guidance on regulations for the Transport of Infectious Substances 2013-2014.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" 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.

8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 22 February 2016</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 26 August 2015</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 180 days after notified in the Official Gazette.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 January 2016</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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>E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <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>National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards  Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives  50 Paholyothin Rd., Ladyao, Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900  Tel: +(662) 561 2277 ext. 1425  Fax: +(662) 561 3357  +(662) 561 337347  E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com  Website: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a>  <a href="http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2558/A/080/9.PDF">http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2558/A/080/9.PDF</a></p>