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

## **NOTIFICATION**

- 1. Notifying Member: SINGAPORE
  - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Singapore Food Agency
- 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): Poultry meat and meat products (HS Codes: 0207, 0210, 1601, 1602)
- 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:** Veterinary Conditions for Importation of Poultry and Poultry Products. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2
- **Description of content:** The Veterinary Conditions for Importation of Poultry and Poultry Products have been reviewed to facilitate the importation of chilled poultry into Singapore. The two conditions for chilled poultry are based on risk assessment conducted by Singapore:
  - The product must not be derived from thawed frozen poultry.
  - The product is sealed with leak-proof packaging under modified atmosphere conditions or other applicable packaging, and has a shelf life of at least 14 days at ≤ 4°C.

Countries/regions wishing to export chilled poultry to Singapore must first be accredited for frozen poultry, with a track record of exports to Singapore. Shelf life studies and packaging information must be provided by establishments interested to export chilled poultry to Singapore for evaluation.

There are no changes to the other veterinary conditions for importation of poultry and poultry products.

More information can be found via the SFA website: <a href="https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-import-export/commercial-food-imports#meat-meat-products">https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-import-export/commercial-food-imports#meat-meat-products</a>

- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] 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): Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapters 10.2 to 10.9
- [ ] 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.sfa.gov.sg/food-import-export/commercial-food-imports#meat-meat-products">https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-import-export/commercial-food-imports#meat-meat-products</a> (available in English)
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): With immediate effect.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): With immediate effect.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): With immediate effect.
  - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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13. Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

The texts of Veterinary Import Conditions for Poultry and Poultry Products can be found at:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-import-export/commercial-food-imports\#meat-meat-products}}$ 

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