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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Environment (ME)
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): Wild animals that are considered possible intermediate hosts for COVID-19 transmission.
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: Notice of the ME on the temporary import restriction of wild animals considered possible intermediate hosts for COVID-19 transmission.. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 14 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/KOR/20_3440_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The restriction on import into Korea as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wild animals that are considered possible intermediate hosts for COVID-19 transmission, including Snakes (suborder Serpentes), Bats (order Chiroptera), Racoons, Budgers, Civet cats (family Viverridae), Pangolins (family Manidae).- However, regarding CITES-listed species, in situations where the exporter provides a sanitary certificate (a veterinary export certificate), which will prove the animal does not carry the virus, through more thorough inspections, the import permit into Korea may be issued by the Ministry of Environment.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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: The Republic of Korea raised its infectious disease alert to its highest level in a bid to cope with the acceleration of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) transmission.
9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <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): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ministry of Environment, 26 Feb 2020 (available in English, attached file)</p> <p>Enforcement decree of the wildlife protection and management act, 27 May 2020 (available in Korean)</p> <p>http://law.go.kr/lsc.do?tabMenuId=tab18&section=&eventGubun=060101&query=%EC%95%BC%EC%83%9D%EC%83%9D%EB%AC%BC#J14:2</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 21 February 2020</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input 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>Ministry of Environment 11 Doum6-ro, Government Complex-Sejong, Sejong-si 30103, Republic of Korea Tel: +(8244) 201 7243 Fax: +(8244) 201 7261 E-mail: g1seo@korea.kr</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input 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>Ministry of Environment 11 Doum6-ro, Government Complex-Sejong, Sejong-si 30103, Republic of Korea Tel: +(8244) 201 7243 Fax: +(8244) 201 7261 E-mail: g1seo@korea.kr</p>