



NOTIFICATION

1.	<p>Notifying Member: <u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u></p> <p>If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
2.	<p>Agency responsible: Ministry of Climate change and Environment, previously Ministry of Environment and Water</p>
3.	<p>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): Beneficial organisms</p>
4.	<p>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:</p>
5.	<p>Title of the notified document: Proposed Ministerial Decree on Regulating the importation and circulation of Beneficial Organisms Language(s): Arabic Number of pages: 5</p> <p>http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/ARE/16_0639_00_x.pdf</p>
6.	<p>Description of content: The Ministerial Decree aims to improve the control measures on the importation and circulation of beneficial organisms. The import of beneficial organisms will be permitted after it is subjected to pest risk analysis (PRA) with favourable result and registered in accordance with the requirements described in the proposed Ministerial Decree. Also beneficial organisms will be subjected to quarantine measures.</p>
7.	<p>Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.</p>
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) ISPM (3) states: Contracting parties, or their designated authorities, should consider and implement appropriate phytosanitary measures related to the export, shipment, import and release of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms and, when necessary, issue related import permits. As described in this standard, NPPOs or other responsible authorities should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - carry out pest risk analysis of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms prior to import or prior to release;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure, when certifying exports, that the phytosanitary import requirements of importing contracting parties are complied with; - obtain, provide and assess documentation as appropriate, relevant to the export, shipment, import or release of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms; - ensure that biological control agents and other beneficial organisms are taken either directly to designated quarantine facilities or mass-rearing facilities or, if appropriate, passed directly for release into the environment; - encourage monitoring of release of biological control agents or beneficial organisms in order to assess impact on target and non-target organisms. <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>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2016</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 April 2016</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 March 2016</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>United Arab Emirates - Dubai Tel: +(971 4) 214 8444 Fax: +(971 4) 265 5822 E-mail: uaesps@moew.gov.ae</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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>Dr Mervat Mari Al Nuaimat Veterinarian in Food Safety Department SPS Enquiry Point Ministry of Environment and Water P.O. Box 1509 United Arab Emirates - Dubai Tel: +(971 4) 214 8478 Fax: +(971 4) 265 5822 Mobile: +(971 55) 137 5997 E-mail: mmalnuaimat@moew.gov.ae Website: http://www.moew.gov.ae</p>