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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- Notifying Member: GHANA
 If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Environmental Protection Agency, Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology
- 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): Invasive Alien Species of plant, animal and aquatic vertebrates origin HS Code(s): 01, 03, 06; ICS Code(s): 13
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Draft Invasive Alien Species Policy Language(s): English Number of pages: 31
- 6. Description of content:
 - 1. Ensuring the prevention of the introduction and control of the spread of Invasive Alien Species in the country;
 - 2. To establish a coordinated framework for the prevention, containment, eradication, control and efficient management of Invasive Alien Species in the country.;
 - 3. To promote and support research, innovation and technologies for Invasive Alien Species management;
 - 4. To ensure the availability of adequate and reliable data and improve information and knowledge sharing to support early detection, risk analysis and rapid response.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [X] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] 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-Chapter 7 Section 7; Aquatic Animal Health Code-Chapter 7
 - [X] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) ISPM 1, ISPM 2, ISPM 5 (Supplement No. 2), ISPM 6, ISPM 9, ISPM 10
 - [] 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: Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda (Biodiversity and Protected Areas Section, page 11) December, 2010; Ghana Environmental Policy 2012; National Biodiversity Strategy for Ghana 2002 (available in English)
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Yet 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): 25 April 2016

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