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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Livestock Development (DLD)
<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> Live domestic pigs and their carcasses (HS Code(s): 0103, 0203, 0502.10.00); Wild pigs and their carcasses
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Viet Nam
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> The DLD order on temporary suspension of importation of live domestic pigs and wild pigs and their carcasses from Vietnam to prevent the spread of African Swine Fever. <b>Language(s):</b> Thai. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_7039_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_7039_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> According to the announcement of the Government Gazette dated 5 June 2020, the suspension for importation of live domestic and wild pigs and their carcasses from Vietnam has expired on 3 September 2020. However, the OIE has reported a continued outbreak of African Swine Fever in area of Vietnam. Therefore, it is necessary for Thailand to prevent the entry of African Swine Fever disease into the country. By the virtue of Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the importation of live domestic and wild pigs and their carcasses from Vietnam is temporarily suspended for a period of 90 days after publication in the Thai Royal Gazette (2 October 2020).
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input 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.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> This emergency measure is to protect the domestic livestock industry.

<p><b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Chapter 15.1 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" 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>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015), Article 6 Paragraph 1 and Article 33.</p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 3 October 2020 - For a period of 90 days after being notified in the Thai Royal Gazette (3 October 2020 - 31 December 2020).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. 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:</b></p> <p>National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900; Thailand Tel: +(662) 561 4204 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com">spsthailand@gmail.com</a> Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a> <a href="http://www.spsthailand.net/">http://www.spsthailand.net/</a></p>
<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com">spsthailand@gmail.com</a> Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a> <a href="http://www.spsthailand.net/">http://www.spsthailand.net/</a></p>