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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Canadian Food Inspection Agency
<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> All domestic dogs ( <i>Canis familiaris</i> ) and their hybrids for commercial purposes (implicated HS Code: 010619-2083)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b> Africa (Algeria; Angola; Benin; Botswana; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; Comoros; Congo; Côte d'Ivoire; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Egypt; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; Eswatini; Ethiopia; Gabon; The Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Kenya; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Madagascar; Malawi; Mali; Mauritania; Morocco; Mozambique; Namibia; Niger; Nigeria; Rwanda; Sao Tome and Principe; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Sudan; Tanzania [including Zanzibar]; Togo; Tunisia; Uganda; Western Sahara; Zambia; Zimbabwe), Americas and Caribbean (Belize; Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Brazil; Colombia; Cuba; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; El Salvador; Guatemala; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Peru; Suriname; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of), Asia and the Middle East, Eastern Europe (Afghanistan; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Belarus; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China [excluding Hong Kong, China; Macao and Chinese Taipei]; Georgia; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kuwait, the State of; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanon; Malaysia; Moldova, Republic of; Mongolia; Myanmar [Burma]; Nepal; Oman; Pakistan; Philippines; Qatar; Russian Federation; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; Sri Lanka; Syria; Tajikistan; Thailand; Türkiye; Turkmenistan; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; Uzbekistan; Viet Nam; Yemen)
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> New measure prohibiting commercial dog imports from countries at high-risk for dog rabies. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will prohibit the importation of commercial dogs from the countries specified above, which have been identified as posing a high-risk for rabies caused by canine-variant viruses.  Rabies is a reportable disease in Canada and Canada is free of rabies caused by canine-variant viruses. In order to prevent the re-introduction of rabies caused by canine-variant viruses and to protect the health and safety of both animals and humans within Canada, the CFIA will be implementing import restrictions for dogs from high-risk countries.  As of 28 September 2022, all dogs with a commercial end-use, as defined by the CFIA, from high-risk countries will not be permitted entry into Canada. As of this date, the CFIA will also no longer issue permits for commercial dogs less than eight months of age from

<p>high-risk countries. All shipments of commercial dogs (regardless of age) that are on route to Canada must arrive on or before 27 September 2022 to be eligible for importation. Any dog from a high-risk country that is presented for importation into Canada on or after 28 September 2022 and deemed to be a commercial import will not be allowed to enter Canada. There will be no exceptions made to this new measure regardless of the age of the dog or whether or not an import permit was previously required. Canada respectfully requests that all trading partners from high-risk countries take the necessary steps to ensure commercial dogs are not exported to Canada.</p> <p>The importation of personal pet dogs and assistance dogs, as defined by the CFIA, from high-risk countries will continue to be permitted under the CFIA's currently established import requirements. The CFIA's <a href="#">Automated Import Reference System</a> (AIRS) is the source for Canada's import requirements.</p>
<p><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.</p>
<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></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 type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input 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>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 28 September 2022</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 28 September 2022</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 September 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 July 2022</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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>

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

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