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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

# NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SINGAPORE</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Singapore Food Agency
- 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): Poultry and poultry products (HS code: 0207)
- 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: Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Poultry and Poultry Products. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2
- **6. Description of content:** The Veterinary Conditions for Importation of Poultry and Poultry Products have been reviewed to facilitate the importation of chilled poultry into Singapore.

The minimum shelf-life requirement for importation of chilled poultry has been shortened from the existing requirement of 14 days to 10 days. The requirement on specific type of packaging (e.g. Modified Atmospheric Packaging) has also been removed to provide the industry with greater flexibility on the technology to be used to meet the shelf-life requirement.

There are no changes to the other veterinary conditions and accreditation process for importation of poultry and poultry products. For example, countries/regions wishing to export chilled poultry to Singapore must be accredited for frozen poultry, with a track record of exports to Singapore. Shelf-life studies and packaging information must also be provided by establishments interested to export chilled poultry to Singapore for evaluation.

A summary of the revisions can be found here: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/SGP/22\_5851\_00\_e.pdf.

- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Guidelines for the control of Campylobacter and Salmonella in Chicken Meat (CAC/GL 78-2011)
  - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
  - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

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# [] 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:
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** Same as date of WTO notification.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Same as date of WTO notification.

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Same as date of WTO notification.

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Not applicable

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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

The text of the Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Poultry and Poultry Products can be assessed through <u>https://www.sfa.gov.sg/docs/default-source/tools-and-resources/resources-for-businesses/veterinary-import-conditions-poultry-and-poultry-pdt.pdf</u>

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