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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

1. Notifying Member: THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- **2. Agency responsible:** Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture
- 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): Dog and cat food
- 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:** The draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dog and Cat Food" in relation to Article 17 (Annex 15-1) of the "Regulations for the Importation of Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine". **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 4

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TPKM/23 10382 00 e.pdf

- **6. Description of content:** The amendment aims to reduce the scopes of the dog and cat food subject to animal quarantine by excluding the items below. The amended texts of the draft amendment quarantine requirements are marked in red and blue. Items excluded are as follows:
  - 1. Dog and cat food containing ingredients derived from bovine and manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure;
  - 2. Dry dog and cat food manufactured by the high-temperature extrusion procedure and in the original manufacturer's packaging;
  - 3. The form of the dog and cat food being capsule or tablet and in the original manufacturer's packaging.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [X] 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:
  - [ ] 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): Chapters 8.8, 10.4, 10.9, 11.4, 11.5, 14.7, 15.1 and 15.2 of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code
  - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

[] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]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:
  The draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dog and Cat
  Food" in relation to Article 17 (Annex 15-1) of the "Regulations for the Importation of
  Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine" (Council of Agriculture Announcement, Nong Fang
  Zi No. 1121482282 dated 12 June 2023) can be found at:
  <a href="https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/theme\_data.php?theme=news&sub\_theme=massage&id=204">https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/theme\_data.php?theme=news&sub\_theme=massage&id=204</a>
  76 (available in Chinese)
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 11 August 2023Proposed 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.
  - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 August 2023

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

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