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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Department of Livestock Development (DLD)
- 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): Live poultry and poultry carcasses
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [] All trading partners
 - [X] Specific regions or countries: Viet Nam
- 5. Title of the notified document: The DLD order on temporary suspension of the importation or transit of live poultry and poultry carcasses from Viet Nam to prevent the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Subtype H5N1). Language(s): Thai. Number of pages: 1

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- **6. Description of content:** According to the announcement of the Government Gazette dated 8 May 2023, the suspension for the importation or transit of live poultry and poultry carcasses from Viet Nam since 8 May 2023 has expired on 5 August 2023. However, the WOAH has reported a continued outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the area of Viet Nam. Therefore, it is necessary for Thailand to prevent the entry of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) disease into the country. By virtue of the Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the importation or transit of live poultry and poultry carcasses from Viet Nam is temporarily suspended for a period of 90 days from 6 August 2023 onward in the Thai Royal Gazette.
- 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. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: This emergency measure is to protect the domestic livestock industry.
- 9. 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): Chapter 10.4 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code
 - [] 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:

- **10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** The Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015), Article 6 Paragraph 1 and Article 33
- **11. Date of entry into force (***dd/mm/yy***)/period of application (as applicable):** For a period of 90 days since 6 August 2023 onward in the Thai Royal Gazette (6 August 2023 - 3 November 2023).

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. 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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