



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency, MOA
<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> Dog and cat
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> The draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dogs and Cats" in relation to Article 8 (Annex 6) of the "Regulations for the Importation of Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine". <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 15 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TPKM/23_13388_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TPKM/23_13388_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The 7-days post-entry quarantine for dogs/cats from a country (zone) not recognized as being free from rabies is still maintained. However, in the draft amendment, this measure may be waived when the waiting period between blood sampled date of rabies antibody test to the exporting date are extended from 90 days to 180 days and one of the following requirements is complied with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The applicant submits the application for the import quarantine permit at least 120 days prior to entering; or</li><li>2. The test report is recognized by the veterinarians of the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country (endorsed, a declaration issued of the test result, etc.); or</li><li>3. The test report is sent directly by a reference or designated laboratory to the import/export animal quarantine authority stationed at the port of entry (mail, email, fax, shown on its website, etc.).</li></ol>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 8.15 of the WOAHP Terrestrial Animal Health Code <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <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>	
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dogs and Cats" in relation to Article 8 (Annex 6) of the "Regulations for the Importation of Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine" (Ministry of Agriculture Announcement, Nong Fang Zi No. 1121483363 dated 31 October 2023) can be found at:  <a href="https://www.aphia.gov.tw/theme_data.php?theme=news&amp;sub_theme=message&amp;id=20561">https://www.aphia.gov.tw/theme_data.php?theme=news&amp;sub_theme=message&amp;id=20561</a>          (available in Chinese)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 January 2024</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:</p> <p>Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency, Ministry of Agriculture          9F, No. 100, Sec.2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 100060, Taiwan          Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091          Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200          Email: <a href="mailto:wtosps@aphia.gov.tw">wtosps@aphia.gov.tw</a>          Website: <a href="http://www.aphia.gov.tw/">http://www.aphia.gov.tw/</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <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:</p> <p>Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency, Ministry of Agriculture          9F, No.100, Sec.2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 100060, Taiwan          Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091          Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200          Email: <a href="mailto:wtosps@aphia.gov.tw">wtosps@aphia.gov.tw</a>          Website: <a href="http://www.aphia.gov.tw/">http://www.aphia.gov.tw/</a></p>