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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: MALAYSIA
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Food Safety and Quality Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia
- 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): Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled (HS code(s): 0201); Meat of bovine animals, frozen (HS code(s): 0202); Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code(s): 0203); Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code(s): 0204); Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code(s): 0206); Meat and edible offal of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls, fresh, chilled or frozen (HS code(s): 0207); Fresh, chilled or frozen meat and edible offal of rabbits or hares (HS code(s): 020810); Pig fat, free of lean meat, and poultry fat, not rendered or otherwise extracted, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked (HS code(s): 0209); Milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (HS code(s): 0401); Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked (HS code(s): 0407); Fats of bovine animals, sheep or goats (excl. oil and oleostearin) (HS code(s): 1502)
- 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: Amendment to Table I and Table II of the Fifteenth A Schedule of the Food Regulations 1985 [P.U.(A) 437/1985]. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1
- **6. Description of content:** The proposed amendments to Table I and Table II of the Fifteenth A Schedule of the Food Regulations 1985 are as follows:
 - Deletion of colistin and the particulars relating to it from Table I of the Fifteenth A Schedule;
 - 2. Insertion of colistin in Table II of the Fifteenth A Schedule as a drug prohibited in food.
- 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): Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and Risk Management Recommendations (RMRs) For Residues Of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CX/MRL 2-2021)
 - [] 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? |
| | [] Yes [X] No |
| | If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: These proposed amendments are made in line with a Directive of Malaysian Control of Drugs and Cosmetics Regulations 1984 regarding the listing of all polymyxins (except Polymyxin B in the form of topical preparation) as a prohibited substance in veterinary drug products in Malaysia. Previously, Malaysia through the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA), notified a TBT notification (G/TBT/N/MYS/91) to limit the usage of veterinary medicine containing colistin in food-producing animal due to the emerging safety issue related to resistance caused by colistin. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) "Critically Important Antimicrobials for Human Medicine" which is a reference to help formulate and prioritize risk assessment and risk management strategies for containing antimicrobial resistance, Polymyxin E (colistin) is categorized as Critically Important Antimicrobials based on the Annex 1 (List of medically important Antimicrobials) and the Table 2 (Prioritization of antimicrobials categorized as "Critically Important" in human medicine). |
| 9. | Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. |
| | Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): |
| | [] 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 |
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