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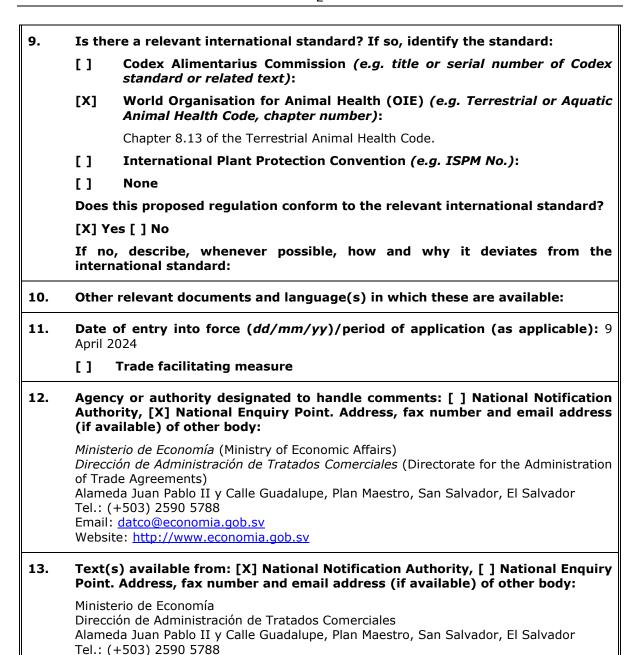
Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

- 1. Notifying Member: EL SALVADOR
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** *Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería*, MAG (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock)
- 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 bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats and equine, canine and feline animals, as well as other warm-blooded species that are considered to pose a health risk.
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners The measure applies to all countries that have reported the presence of New World screwworm (NWS) to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: ACUERDO MINISTERIAL No. 39, de fecha 9 de abril de 2024, mediante el cual se acuerda "Declarar Estado de Alerta Zoosanitaria frente al riesgo de introducción y la internación del GBG en todo el territorio nacional" (Ministerial Decision No. 39, dated 9 April 2024, "issuing an animal health alert throughout national territory in view of the risk of introduction and entry of NWS") Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 3

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- 6. **Description of content:** The notified Ministerial Decision concerning agriculture and livestock issues an animal health alert in view of the occurrence of reinfestation by *Cochliomyia hominivorax*, also known as New World screwworm (NWS), in Panama, Costa Rica and, more recently, Nicaragua. El Salvador has been free of this disease since 1995, when it was eradicated from national territory. The entry into the country of live animals of susceptible species from countries infested with NWS poses a high risk of the spread and establishment of the disease in our country, which could affect domestic production through losses caused by a deterioration in the health status of affected animals. Animals could even die in the event of severe infestations. The disease can also affect human beings and therefore poses a risk to public health as well.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] 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:** To protect human and animal life and health in view of the risk of introduction into the country of the transboundary disease *Cochliomyia hominivorax*, also known as New World screwworm (NWS).



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