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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario, ICA</i> (Colombian Agricultural Institute)
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): Production mammals, and products and byproducts thereof
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Countries, regions, states and/or areas that have reported the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI)
5.	Title of the notified document: <i>Resolución No. 00003125 (15 de abril de 2024) "Por la cual se establecen medidas preventivas por la presencia de influenza aviar de alta patogenicidad en mamíferos de producción"</i> (Resolution No. 00003125 (15 April 2024) establishing preventive measures owing to the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza in production mammals) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 4 https://www.ica.gov.co/normatividad/normas-ica/resoluciones-oficinas-nacionales/2024/2024r0003125 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/COL/24_03401_00_s.pdf
6.	Description of content: The notified Resolution suspends the issuance of animal health documents for the importation of at-risk production mammals, and products and byproducts thereof, capable of transmitting avian influenza and coming from countries, regions, states and/or areas that have reported the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in production mammals. The suspension will remain in place until an assessment has been conducted to determine whether to establish permanent measures or to amend or lift the measures adopted in the notified Resolution.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: In the light of the increase in the presence of HPAI in various species of mammals, it has become necessary to maintain strict surveillance of domestic and wild birds and to take preventive and surveillance measures in relation to other susceptible animal species, such as production mammals, in order to prevent outbreaks and detect, in a timely manner, any unusual presentation of the disease in Colombian livestock. These measures have been adopted in application of the precautionary principle, underpinned primarily by the scientific uncertainty surrounding this public health warning.

9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM No.):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</p> <p>3 May 2024 (publication in Official Journal No. 52.745 of 3 May 2024)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Hernán Alonso Zuñiga C. <i>Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo</i> (Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism) <i>Dirección de Regulación</i> (Regulation Department) Calle 28 # 13 A 15 piso 3, Bogotá, DC Bogotá Tel.: (+57 1) 606 7676, Ext. 1340 Email: puntocontacto@mincit.gov.co Website: http://www.mincit.gov.co</p> <p><i>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario, ICA</i> <i>Dirección Técnica de Asuntos Internacionales</i> (Technical Division for International Affairs) <i>Subgerencia de Regulación Sanitaria y Fitosanitaria</i> (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulation Division) <i>Oficinas Nacionales ICA</i> (National ICA Offices) Edificio Neo Point 83, Av Carrera 20 # 83-20, Bogotá D.C. Colombia Email: asuntos.internacionales@ica.gov.co Website: http://www.ica.gov.co</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Hernán Alonso Zuñiga C. Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo Dirección de Regulación Calle 28 # 13 A 15 piso 3, Bogotá, DC Bogotá Tel.: (+57 1) 606 7676, Ext. 1340 Email: puntocontacto@mincit.gov.co Website: http://www.mincit.gov.co</p>