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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade, Industry and Competition
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): Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (HS code(s): 03); Agriculture (ICS code(s): 65); Food technology (ICS code(s): 67)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Amendment of the Compulsory Specification for frozen fish, frozen marine molluscs, and frozen products derived therefrom - VC 8017. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 15 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/ZAF/24_03660_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This amendment requires that frozen fish, marine molluscs, and products derived therefrom, for human consumption, which are to be offered for sale, comply with this amended compulsory specification which introduces that imported products are produced in food handling/manufacturing facilities that comply with Good Hygiene Practices (GHP) that are approved/certified by Competent Authorities in their country of origin. The introduction of a health guarantee/import certification requires Competent Authority in the country of origin attests to monitoring safety of facilities and consignments on the certificate, similar to processes conducted by authorities for local production. The technical requirements of the South African National Standard (SANS) 585: 2024 are that applies to the handling, preparation, processing, packing, transportation, freezing, storage and quality are still applicable to support this amendment. SPS element: This compulsory specification specifies microbiological requirements for disease-causing organisms for frozen fish, marine molluscs, and products derived therefrom.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety , <input type="checkbox"/> animal health , <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection , <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease , <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CAC/GL 48-2004, Model certificate for fish and fishery products- Principles for Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification (CAC/GL 20-1995)

<p style="text-align: center;">– Guidelines for Generic Official Certificates Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization 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 number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: South African National Standard(SANS) 585:2024, The production of frozen fish, marine molluscs, and products derived therefrom available from http://www.sabs.co.za (available in English)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined after all comments are taken into consideration.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined after all comments are taken into consideration.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined after all comments are taken into consideration.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 August 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input 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>National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Private Bag X25 Brooklyn 0075 Tel: +(27 12) 482 8930 E-mail: Maphuti.Kutu@nrccs.org.za</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input 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>National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Private Bag X25 Brooklyn 0075 Tel: +(27 12) 482 8930 E-mail: Maphuti.Kutu@nrccs.org.za</p>