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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
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): Salmon
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: Belgium
5.	Title of the notified document: Notice of Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), Decision No. 33906 dated 13 June 2024 entitled "Temporary ban of importation of salmon originated from Liège, Belgium. Language(s): Arabic. Number of pages: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/SAU/24_04294_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: Following the WOAHA report dated 4 June 2024, an Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus (IHNV) outbreak has occurred in Liège, Belgium. In compliance with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Aquatic Animal Health Code Chapter 10.6, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of the IHNV virus into the country. Therefore, the import of salmon fish from Liège, Belgium, to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended, with the exception of: (a) aquatic salmon fish that have been subjected to a heat-treatment sufficient to inactivate IHNV as long as they conform with the approved health requirements, and standards, with a health certificate issued by the official bodies in Belgium prove that the product is free from the virus); (b) mechanically dried, eviscerated fish subjected to a heat-treatment; (c) fish skin leather subjected to a heat-treatment; (d) fish oil.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: An outbreak of the IHNV virus has been reported in Liège, Belgium, by official announcement of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is instituting this emergency measure to prevent the introduction of the IHNV virus into the country.
9.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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): Aquatic Animal Health Code, Chapter 10.6

<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>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 13 June 2024</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>Saudi Food and Drug Authority - Food Sector Contact person: Mohammed AL Huthiel SFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148 Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext: 3313 E-mail: spsep.food@sFDA.gov.sa Website: http://www.sFDA.gov.sa</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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>Saudi Food and Drug Authority - Food Sector Contact person: Mohammed AL Huthiel SFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148 Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext: 3313 E-mail: spsep.food@sFDA.gov.sa Website: http://www.sFDA.gov.sa</p>