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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 10 July 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

New measure prohibiting commercial dog imports from countries at high-risk for dog rabies

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will prohibit the importation of commercial dogs from countries which have been identified as posing a high-risk for rabies caused by canine-variant viruses.

Rabies is a reportable disease in Canada and Canada is free of rabies caused by canine-variant viruses. In order to prevent the re-introduction of rabies caused by canine-variant viruses and to protect the health and safety of both animals and humans within Canada, the CFIA will be implementing import restrictions for dogs from high-risk countries.

As of 28 September 2022, all dogs with a commercial end-use, as defined by the CFIA, from high-risk countries will not be permitted entry into Canada. As of this date, the CFIA will also no longer issue permits for commercial dogs less than eight months of age from high-risk countries. All shipments of commercial dogs (regardless of age) that are on route to Canada must arrive on or before 27 September 2022 to be eligible for importation. Any dog from a high-risk country that is presented for importation into Canada on or after 28 September 2022 and deemed to be a commercial import will not be allowed to enter Canada. There will be no exceptions made to this new measure regardless of the age of the dog or whether or not an import permit was previously required. Canada respectfully requests that all trading partners from high-risk countries take the necessary steps to ensure commercial dogs are not exported to Canada.

The importation of personal pet dogs and assistance dogs, as defined by the CFIA, from high-risk countries will continue to be permitted under the CFIA's currently established import requirements. The CFIA's [Automated Import Reference System](#) (AIRS) is the source for Canada's import requirements.

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other:

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 September 2024

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The electronic version of the regulatory text can be found at:

Notice to Industry: New measure prohibiting commercial dog imports from countries at high-risk for dog rabies: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/rabies/notice-to-industry/eng/1656424333818/1656424334393> (English)

Avis à l'industrie: Nouvelle mesure interdisant l'entrée de chiens commerciaux en provenance de pays à haut risque pour la rage canine: <https://inspection.canada.ca/sante-des-animaux/animaux-terrestres/maladies/declaration-obligatoire/rage/avis-a-l-industrie/fra/1656424333818/1656424334393> (French)

Countries at high-risk for dog rabies: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/rabies/countries-at-high-risk-for-dog-rabies/eng/1656375417730/1656375418777> (English)

Pays considérés à haut risque pour le variant canin du virus de la rage: <https://inspection.canada.ca/sante-des-animaux/animaux-terrestres/maladies/declaration-obligatoire/rage/pays-consideres-a-haut-risque-pour-le-variant-cani/fra/1656375417730/1656375418777> (French)

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