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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE) 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): Slaughterhouses Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: 4. [X] All trading partners [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Procedure for approval of slaughterhouses to export meats (poultry meat and red meat) to the United Arab Emirates. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 38 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/ARE/18 1246 00 e.pdf 6. Description of content: The Ministry of Climate Change and Environment has issued a new ministerial decree on procedure for approval of slaughterhouses for export to the United Arab Emirates. The procedure mainly involves the following points: Specifies basic requirements for approval related to good hygiene practice and food safety regulations, including declaration document and document review and assessment checklist (attached Model 5); Electronic application procedures, and responsibilities associated with the service for approval and renew; and Auditing frequency. For additional information contact the Ministry via the e-mail: foodsafety@moccae.gov.ae. 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: 8. [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): General Principles of Food Hygiene/CAC RCP 1 Code of hygienic practice for meat/CAC RCP 58 Recommended Code of Practice on Good Animal Feeding/CAC RCP 54 General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed and other related standards World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic [] Animal Health Code, chapter number):

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- [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
- [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): Yet to be determined.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Yet to be determined.

- **11. Proposed date of entry into force:** [] **Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** *(dd/mm/yy)*: Six months starting from the date of issuance of the Ministerial Decree.
  - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): Not applicable

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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