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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>GHANA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b> Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development
<b>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):</b> Tilapia species and ornamental fishes: HS Codes: 0303.23.00.00, 0301.10.00.00, 0301.11.00.00
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Ban On Tilapia Species And Ornamental Fish Imports. <b>Language(s):</b> english. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Ban on the Import of Tilapia Species and Ornamental fishes, including gametes due to the emergence of Tilapia Lake Virus that is associated with significant mortalities in farmed tilapia. Cases have been reported across Africa, Asia and South America that the Virus represents a huge risk to the global tilapia industry.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Tilapia Lake Virus has been reported across Africa, Asia and South America and supposedly represents a huge risk to the global tilapia industry. The Ban is one of the immediate measures being taken to prevent and control the virus since its treatment is not known.

<p><b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 1 July 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development P.O. Box GP 630 Accra-Ghana Dr. Peter Ziddah Email: peterzid2010@gmail.com Cell number: +(233 244) 254 048 Office number: +(233 302) 675 155 Fax: +(233 302) 675 146</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development P.O. Box GP 630 Accra-Ghana Dr. Peter Ziddah Email: peterzid2010@gmail.com Cell number: +(233 244) 254 048 Office number: +(233 302) 675 155 Fax: +(233 302) 675 146</p>