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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: HONG KONG, CHINA If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region 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): Hairy Crab of the genus *Eriocheir* intended for human consumption 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Announcement by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region dated 16 July 2018. Language(s): Chinese and English. Number of pages: 1 The notified text can also be downloaded from the following websites (effective from 16 July 2018): In English: http://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/news/details/20180716 7037.html In Chinese: http://www.fehd.gov.hk/tc_chi/news/details/20180716_7037.html 6. Description of content: Under the Food Business Regulation (Chapter 132X), save with the written permission of the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene, no person shall sell any restricted foods, including shell fish. The hairy crab is a kind of shell fish. In this connection, written permission must be obtained from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for the sale of hairy crabs. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has prepared a new permit for operators selling hairy crabs to apply. The permit requires, inter alia, that hairy crabs for sale must be obtained from lawful sources accompanied with health certificates acceptable to the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene. 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests. 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CAC/GL 38-2001; CAC/GL 48-2004 (Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates and Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products) World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic [] Animal Health Code, chapter number): International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): []

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[] 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: Pamphlet on Shell Fish (Hairy Crab) Permit, in English and Chinese: <u>http://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/pleasant environment/library/hairy crab/HairyCrab Pam</u> <u>phlet.pdf</u>
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 16 July 2018

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 16 July 2018

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 3 September 2018
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- **12.** Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 31 August 2018

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