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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>MALAYSIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Fisheries (DOF) Malaysia
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): Live tilapia fish (HS Code that may be impacted: 0301.99)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Notice of temporary emergency conditions for the importation of live tilapia fish into Malaysia. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3
6. Description of content: The Department of Fisheries (DOF) is enacting this notice in accordance with Section 40. Control of Live Fish of the Fisheries Act 1985 (Act 317). The purpose of this notification is to inform all countries of the temporary emergency measures for the importation of live tilapia fish. The main contents of the announcement are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Exporting country shall ensure that the tilapia fish are sourced from approved farm and under official control of the Competent Authority (CA);2. Health Certificate shall be issued by the Competent Authority (CA) of the exporting country;3. Exporting country shall ensure that the fish consignment originated from a zone free from OIE-listed diseases and Tilapia Lake Virus (TiLV). There should not be any disease outbreak for a period of two years prior to export. This temporary emergency measures are due to unacceptable biosecurity risks of live tilapia fish infected with Tilapia Lake Virus (TiLV) and shall come into effect for a period of six months starting from 24 July 2017.
7. Objective and rationale: <input 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: To address biosecurity risks associated with imported live tilapia fish. Tilapia lake virus (TiLV) is exotic to Malaysia and infects all species of tilapia fish. Therefore there is high risk of TiLV entering Malaysia with imported live tilapia fish.

9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): OIE Tilapia Lake Virus (TILV) disease card as published in May 2017</p> <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>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: To be available in the internet homepage of the DOF: http://www.dof.gov.my (available in English).</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 24 July 2017/For a period of six months</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input 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>Fisheries Biosecurity Division Department of Fisheries Malaysia 3rd Floor, Podium 2, Block 4G2, Wisma Tani, Precint 4 Federal Government Administrative Centre 62628 Putrajaya, Malaysia Tel: +(60 3) 8870 4000 Fax: +(60 3) 8890 3794 E-mail: spsdof@dof.gov.my</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input 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>Fisheries Biosecurity Division Department of Fisheries Malaysia 3rd Floor, Podium 2, Block 4G2, Wisma Tani, Precint 4 Federal Government Administrative Centre 62628 Putrajaya, Malaysia Tel: +(60 3) 8870 4000 Fax: +(60 3) 8890 3794 E-mail: spsdof@dof.gov.my</p>