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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Livestock Risk Assessment Department, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture
<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> Live fish including ornamental fish
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: South Africa
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Notice of Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Decision No. 244/1291/1439 dated 27 February 2018 (11/06/1439H) entitled "Temporary ban on the importation of live fish including ornamental fish from South Africa". <b>Language(s):</b> . <b>Number of pages:</b>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Following the OIE reports, ref. No. 6, Vol. 31 dated 2 February 2018 which indicates that Koi herpesvirus disease and Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome occurred in South Africa, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of the diseases into the country. Therefore, the importation of live fish including ornamental fish from South Africa to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> An outbreak of Koi herpesvirus disease and Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome was reported by official announcement of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) in South Africa. This urges the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to institute this emergency measure to prevent the entry of the diseases into the country.
<b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Aquatic Animal Health Code, Chapter 10.2 and Chapter 10.7 <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" 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>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b>  27 February 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture  Livestock Risk Assessment Department  King Abdel Aziz Road, Riyadh 11195  Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  Tel: +(966 11) 4044292  +(966 11) 4016666  E-mail: anml.rsk@mewa.gov.sa  Website: <a href="http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal">http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal</a></p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture  Livestock Risk Assessment Department  King Abdel Aziz Road, Riyadh 11195  Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  Tel: +(966 11) 4044292  +(966 11) 4016666  E-mail: anml.rsk@mewa.gov.sa  Website: <a href="http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal">http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal</a></p>