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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SINGAPORE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> National Parks Board/Animal and Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS)
<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> Dogs and cats (HS code: 01061900)
<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> Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats for Countries/Regions under Schedule I; Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats for Countries/Regions under Schedule II; Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats for Countries/Regions under Schedule III; Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Assistance Dogs for Countries/Regions under Schedule I to III. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 11, 12, 9 and 17, respectively <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_01_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_02_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_02_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_03_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_03_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The veterinary conditions for the importation of dogs/cats for countries/regions have been reviewed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>align with WOH's Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) Chapter 8.14 Infection with rabies virus;</li><li>re-categorise countries in the current Categories A/B/C/D to Schedules I/II/III based on assessment of the country's rabies risk;</li><li>update the requirements for import and post-arrival quarantine for Schedule II countries (the current Categories B and C);</li><li>include a new definition of "commercial" imports and implementation of ten days post-arrival quarantine for commercial imports from Schedule II countries;</li><li>revise the waiting time from date of rabies vaccination to date of import for Schedules II and III imports;</li><li>revise the waiting time from date of rabies vaccination to date of rabies serology test.</li></ul> A summary of the revisions is in ANNEX (see Item 9).
<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.

<p><b>8. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 8.14 Infection with rabies virus</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> A summary of the revisions is in ANNEX: <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_04_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_04_e.pdf</a> (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 June 2023</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Animal and Veterinary Service National Parks Board Attn: Animal and Veterinary Programme Office, Professional and Scientific Services Division 52 Jurong Gateway Road, #09-01 Singapore 608550 Singapore E-mail: <a href="mailto:Tay_Rijin@nparks.gov.sg">Tay_Rijin@nparks.gov.sg</a> <a href="mailto:Grace_Yam@nparks.gov.sg">Grace_Yam@nparks.gov.sg</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>The veterinary conditions are attached to this notification. For any further queries, please contact:</p> <p>Animal and Veterinary Service National Parks Board Attn: Animal and Veterinary Programme Office, Professional and Scientific Services Division 52 Jurong Gateway Road, #09-01 Singapore 608550 Singapore E-mail: <a href="mailto:Tay_Rijin@nparks.gov.sg">Tay_Rijin@nparks.gov.sg</a> <a href="mailto:Grace_Yam@nparks.gov.sg">Grace_Yam@nparks.gov.sg</a></p>