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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

## NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: ESWATINI

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture
- **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): HS Code(s): 02, 0302, 16; ICS Code(s): 67.120
- 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: The Veterinary Public Health Act, 2013. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 22

http://www.gov.sz/images/veterinary%20public%20health%20act %202013.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/SWZ/19 6404 00 e.pdf

**6. Description of content:** This Act shall apply to unprocessed and processed animal products for human consumption at the level of primary production at national level and those imported from third countries. This act shall not apply in relation to: primary production for private domestic use, domestic preparation, handling or storage of food for private domestic consumption and traditional slaughter or ritual slaughter.

The act shall apply without prejudice to: relevant animal and public health regulations, animal welfare requirements, requirements concerning identification of animals and the traceability of animal products.

- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] 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):
    - CXS 89-1981, Standard for Luncheon Meat
    - CXC 58-2005, Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat
    - CXC 1-1969, General Principles of Food Hygiene
  - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
    - Section 6, Veterinary Public Health
    - Section 7, Animal Welfare
    - Section 5, Trade Measures, Import/Export Procedures and Veterinary Certification

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- [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
- [] 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:

- Eswatini Government Gazette
- Public Health Act, 1969
- Animal Disease Act, 1965
- The Dairy Act, 1968
- (available in English)

**10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** To be determined.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.

**11.** Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 4 February 2020

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

**13.** Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: