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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>SEYCHELLES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Public Health Authority, Ministry of Health
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): All processed meat products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: South Africa
5. Title of the notified document: South African processed meat banned following update on <i>Listeria</i> contamination. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 http://www.seychellestradeportal.gov.sc/news/temporary-ban-all-ready-eat-meat-products-imported-south-africa https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/SYC/18_1318_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The notice relates to the decision taken by the Seychelles Government for a temporary ban on all ready-to-eat meat products imported from South Africa due to the outbreak of <i>Listeria</i> contamination.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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: An urgent measure has been implemented to manage the sanitary risk associated with the presence of <i>Listeria</i> contamination in ready-to-eat meat products in South Africa. The decision has been taken following the recent outbreak of <i>Listeria</i> contamination in ready-to-eat meat in South Africa. Following confirmation from the Ministry of Health in South Africa that the source of <i>Listeria</i> contamination and the outbreak is processed meat, the Seychelles Public Health Authority has imposed a temporary ban on all ready-to-eat meat products imported from South Africa. All processed meat products imported from South Africa, namely polonies, hams and pre-cooked sausages are being removed from the local market. Since the outbreak of <i>Listeria</i> started in South Africa several months ago, the Public Health Authority has set up a surveillance programme to test products that are already in the country.

<p>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CAC/GL 61 - 2007</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</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>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 6 March 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" 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>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" 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>