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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Livestock Development (DLD)
<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 poultry and poultry carcasses
<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> The DLD order on temporary suspension of the importation or transit of live poultry and poultry carcasses from South Africa to prevent the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Subtype H5N1). <b>Language(s):</b> Thai. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/pdfdownload/?id=140D186S0000000001300">https://ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/pdfdownload/?id=140D186S0000000001300</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/THA/23_11689_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/THA/23_11689_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> According to the announcement of the Government Gazette dated 8 May 2023, the suspension for the importation or transit of live poultry and poultry carcasses from South Africa since 8 May 2023 has expired on 5 August 2023. However, the WOH has reported a continued outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the area of South Africa. Therefore, it is necessary for Thailand to prevent the entry of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) disease into the country. By the virtue of the Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the importation or transit of live poultry and poultry carcasses from South Africa is temporarily suspended for a period of 90 days from 6 August 2023 onward in the Thai Royal Gazette.
<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> This emergency measure is to protect the domestic livestock industry.
<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): Chapter 10.4 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<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"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015), Article 6 Paragraph 1 and Article 33</p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> For a period of 90 days since 6 August 2023 onward in the Thai Royal Gazette (6 August 2023 - 3 November 2023).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900 Thailand Tel: +(662) 561 4204 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com">spsthailand@gmail.com</a> Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a> <a href="http://www.spsthailand.net/">http://www.spsthailand.net/</a></p>
<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com">spsthailand@gmail.com</a> Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a> <a href="http://www.spsthailand.net/">http://www.spsthailand.net/</a></p>