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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council 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): Live crustaceans and molluscs
- 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: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Live Crustaceans and Molluscs. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/TPKM/18 2100 00 e.pdf

- **6. Description of content:** The Requirements regulate the importation of live crustaceans and molluscs. The main points of the amendments include:
 - 1. Deleting the requirements which are not directly related to the animal's health situation, e.g. requirements governed by the Wildlife Conservation Act or the Act Governing Food Sanitation;
 - 2. Extending the period within which the exporting country must conduct clinical inspections for animals prior to their leaving from the water area or aquaculture facility of origin from three days to seven days;
 - 3. For consignments granted importing approval by the competent authority of aquaculture as part of its national genetic renewal project or for specific research purposes, post-entry quarantine and testing may be alternatives to the requirement of being accompanied by an original health certificate issued by the exporting country attesting the health status of the consignments.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] 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:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
 - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code Sections 1, 4, 5, 9 and 11 and Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals 1.1, 2.2 and 2.4

[] 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: <u>https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/view.php?catid=17121</u> (available in Chinese)
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 17 June 2018

Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*): 17 June 2018

- **11.** Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: 17 June 2018
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 16 June 2018

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

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