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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): Bovine semen, bovine embryos, porcine embryos, caprine and ovine semen and equine semen
- 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 draft amendments of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Bovine Semen", "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Bovine Embryos", "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Porcine Embryos", "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Caprine and Ovine Semen", and "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Equine Semen". Language(s): English. Number of pages: 10

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- **6. Description of content:** These requirements regulate the importation of bovine semen, bovine embryos, porcine embryos, caprine semen, ovine semen and equine semen. The main points of the amendments include:
 - 1. Deleting the requirements about African swine fever from the Import Requirements of bovine semen, bovine embryos, caprine and ovine semen;
 - 2. Extending those who can conduct the tests from the animal quarantine authorities of the exporting country to laboratories owned, designated or approved by animal quarantine authorities or veterinary authorities of the exporting country;
 - 3. Extending test methods which the exporting countries may use from the designated methods to designated methods, methods prescribed, recommended or considered suitable in the OIE Manual and, for diseases with no such testing methods in OIE Manual, methods that have been published in international scientific journals may also be used.

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): World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic [X] Animal Health Code, chapter number): OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code Sections 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 14 and 15 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: https://www.baphig.gov.tw/view.php?catid=19527 (available in Chinese) 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 24 December 2019 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 24 December 2019 Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or 11. (dd/mm/yy): 24 December 2019 [] Trade facilitating measure 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 29 November 2019 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: Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Ouarantine, Council of Agriculture 9F., No. 100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 10070, Taiwan Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091 Fax: +(886) 2 2343 2200 E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphig.gov.tw 13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture 9F., No. 100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 10070, Taiwan Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091 Fax: +(886) 2 2343 2200 E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw