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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: Directorate: Animal Health
2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
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): 02031, 020311, 020312, 020319, 02032, 020321, 020322, 020329, 02031910, 02031990, 02032910, 02032990
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: Trade partners of South Africa which are not free from Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS)
5. Title of the notified document: South African revised import requirements for uncooked pork and pork products from countries not free of Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndroms (PRRS), May 2012 Language(s): English Number of pages: 2 http://www.daff.gov.za Then go to divisions - Food and Veterinary Services - Import/Export - Import - Import procedures
6. Description of content: The results of the survey conducted on the pig population of South Africa for certain diseases, including Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS), show that South Africa is free from PRRS. South Africa intends maintaining its PRRS free status and restricting imports of raw and semi-processed pork and pork products from countries not free from PRRS unless the product is destined for direct processing in South Africa. Pork products processed to ensure the inactivation of the virus will be allowed, as well as those mentioned on the list of products considered to pose negligible risk according to currently available reviewed information. South Africa will review this list as more scientific information about the potential risk of other types of pig products becomes available. Raw pork will only be imported from countries that South Africa regards free of the PRRS virus or from certified PRRS free compartments, unless the product is destined for direct processing in South Africa or appears on the list.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input 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>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Six weeks after the date of this notification Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Six weeks after the date of this notification</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Six weeks after the date of this notification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Six weeks after the date of this notification</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Director: Animal Health Private Bag X 138 Pretoria 0001, South Africa Tel: +(21 12) 319 7456 Fax: +(27 12) 329 7218 E-mail: RSA.PRRS@daff.gov.za</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Director: Animal Health Private Bag X 138 Pretoria 0001, South Africa Tel: +(21 12) 319 7456 Fax: +(27 12) 329 7218 E-mail: RSA.PRRS@daff.gov.za</p>