



NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Directorate Animal Health
3.	<b>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> Casings of porcine origin (HS Code(s): 0210)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> All trading partners that South Africa currently imports pig casings from. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Veterinary health certificate for the export of hog casings to South Africa (Draft 2016-02) <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/ZAF/16_0738_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/ZAF/16_0738_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The proposed revised import conditions incorporate information provided in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and the "Supplementary import risk analysis: Sausage casings of bovine and porcine origin", March 2015, done by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries and will provide an adequate level of protection for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Aujeszky's Disease;</li><li>- Foot and Mouth Disease;</li><li>- Classical Swine Fever;</li><li>- African Swine Fever;</li><li>- Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome; and</li><li>- Swine Vesicular Disease.</li></ul>
7.	<b>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.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission</b> (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)</b> (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) Terrestrial Animal Health Code, chapters 8.8, 15.1 and 15.2 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention</b> (e.g. ISPM number) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b>

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> Use of the "Supplementary import risk analysis: Sausage casings of bovine and porcine origin", March 2015, done by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries and made for import requirements for Aujeszky's Disease, Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome and Swine Vesicular Disease.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Supplementary import risk analysis: Sausage casings of bovine and porcine origin", March 2015, by the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries</li> <li>- EFSA Scientific Opinion on animal health risk mitigation treatments as regards imports of animal casings (EFSA Journal 2012;10(7):2820 (available in English)</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 29 April 2016  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 2 May 2016</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 23 April 2016</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input 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>Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  Directorate Animal Health  Import/Export Policy Unit  Private Bag x138, Pretoria, 0001  Tel: +(27) 12 3197507  Fax: +(27) 12 3296892  E-mail: LeanaJvR@daff.gov.za</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input 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>Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  Directorate Animal Health  Import/Export Policy Unit  Private Bag x138, Pretoria, 0001  Tel: +(27) 12 3197507  Fax: +(27) 12 3296892  E-mail: LeanaJvR@daff.gov.za</p>