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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:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade and Industry
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 lobsters for human consumption (HS Code: 03, ICS Code: 65)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Compulsory Specification for Live Lobsters Language(s): English Number of pages: 9 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/ZAF/16_1197_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This amendment requires that live lobsters, for human consumption, which are to be offered for sale, comply with this compulsory specification and the requirements of the South African National Standard (SANS) 1680 that applies to the harvesting, preparation, packing, conveyance and quality of live lobsters, rock lobsters, spiny lobsters and slipper lobsters. SPS element: This compulsory specification specifies microbiological requirements for disease-causing organisms for live lobsters.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) CAC/ RCP 52, Code of practice for fish and fishery products <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: South African National Standard (SANS) 1680: Live lobsters http://www.sabs.co.za (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): After all comments are taken into consideration. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): After all comments are taken into consideration.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 May 2016 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: Ms Maphuti Kutu National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Private Bag X25 Brooklyn 0075 Tel: +(27 12) 482 8930 E-mail: maphuti.kutu@nracs.org.za
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