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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 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): Day old chicks, poultry meat HS Code(s): 0105, 0207
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [] All trading partners
 - [X] Specific regions or countries: State of Tennessee in the United States of America
- 5. Title of the notified document: Emergency notification regarding temporary ban on the import of day old chicks and poultry meat from the state of Tennessee in the United States of America by South Africa. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2
- **6. Description of content:** Following notifications published by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) regarding outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus (HPAI) in poultry in the United States of America, South Africa is applying precautionary sanitary measures to prevent the risk of introducing HPAI virus through the imports of day old chicks and poultry meat from the state of Tennessee in the United States of America. These measures include temporary bans on the importation of day old chicks and poultry meat from the state of Tennessee in the United States of America.
- 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. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: There is a risk of contamination from importing day old chicks and poultry meat from the state of Tennessee in the United States of America. This follows the notifications of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in the state of Tennessee in the United States of America. These applied measures are in compliance with Article 10.4.3, Chapter 10.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
- 9. 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): Terrestrial code (OIE) Article 10.4.3, Chapter 10.4
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

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[] 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:

10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

11. Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable): 7 March 2017

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. 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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13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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