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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): HS Code 01 Domestic dogs
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners To trading partners with which South Africa does not have an officially agreed upon Veterinary Health Certificate, for the import of domestic dogs into South Africa. <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Veterinary Health Certificate, <i>DOG.GEN.12/05 CG (REV JR 05/2008; RW 06/2017)</i> , for the import of domestic dogs into South Africa. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/ZAF/17_3293_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: Due to the transportable nature and increasingly intricate travel history of domestic dogs between different countries, South Africa is applying precautionary sanitary measures by removing the option of not testing for diseases of concern if the country claims freedom from any particular disease of concern. The following five diseases require official pre-export testing within 30 days prior to export at a government approved laboratory, for domestic dogs: " <i>Brucella canis, Babesia gibsoni, Dirofilaria immitis, Leishmania and Trypanosomiasis</i> ". All other South African import requirements for domestic dogs must also be adhered to.
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.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The complex travel history of domestic dogs between different countries make the country freedom declaration irrelevant for a particular disease, if the animal travelled to countries where the disease in question was present. Owner declarations of their domestic dogs' travel history proves unreliable at times. Obligatory testing for the five diseases that require official testing pre-export would reflect an accurate disease status of domestic dogs travelling between different countries. Mandatory testing for the five diseases of concern to South Africa mitigates the risk of possible introduction of the diseases of concern. It also decreases the risk of animals testing positive in quarantine, only to be sent back to the country of origin or humanely destroyed.

<p>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Terrestrial code (OIE) Chapter 2.1, Terrestrial code (OIE) Chapter 5.1, Terrestrial code (OIE) Chapter 5.2. Terrestrial code (OIE) Chapter 5.3, Article 5.3.3 and Article 5.3.5. OIE Terrestrial Manual (OIE) Chapter 2.1.11 and Chapter 2.1.21</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" 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>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): Sixty days from the date of circulation. Should an individual country wish to have alternate requirements, the country must propose a Veterinary Health Certificate, which addresses the risk of transmission of all the above-mentioned diseases via domestic dogs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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 Dr Rochelle Wilson Tel: +(27 12) 319 7536 E-mail: RochelleW@daff.gov.za</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <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 Dr Rochelle Wilson Tel: +(27 12) 319 7536 E-mail: RochelleW@daff.gov.za</p>