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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): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Frozen fish, frozen marine molluscs and frozen products derived therefrom - VC 8017- Frozen shrimps (prawns), langoustines and crabs, and products derived therefrom - VC 8031- Canned fish, canned marine molluscs and canned crustaceans - VC 8014- Canned meat products - VC 8019- Live lobster - VC 9104- Smoked snoek, smoked fiifish and smoke-flavoured finfish - VC 8021- Frozen rock lobster and frozen lobster products derived therefrom - VC 8020- Live aquacultured abalone - VC 9001- Live and raw chilled bivalves- Other fishery products regulated under the NRCS Act
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: The administrative regulatory requirements for imported fish and fishery products and canned meat products regulated under the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act, 2008 (Act No. 5 of 2008), as amended. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 8 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/ZAF/17_4767_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This regulation outlines the administrative regulatory requirements of fish and fishery products and canned meat products regulated under the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act, 2008 (Act No. 5 of 2008) as amended through the Legal Metrology Act (Act No. 9 of 2014), which are imported into the Republic of South Africa (RSA). The main requirements include that the Competent Authority in the exporting country issues a health certificate/guarantee for each consignment exported to South Africa and lists approved establishments.
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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Guidelines for food import control systems (CAC/GL 47-2003)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</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>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidelines for the Exchange of Information Between Countries on Rejections of Imported Food, CAC/GL 25-1997 - Principles and Guidelines for the Exchange of Information Between Importing and Exporting Countries to Support the Trade in Food (available in English)
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined after all comments are taken into consideration.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined after all comments are taken into consideration.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 29 December 2017</p> <p>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>National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) Private Bag X25 Brooklyn 0075 Tel: +(27 12) 482 8930 E-mail: maphuti.kutu@nrcs.org.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>National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) Private Bag X25 Brooklyn 0075 Tel: +(27 12) 482 8930 E-mail: maphuti.kutu@nrcs.org.za</p>