



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Chief Veterinary Officer
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 animals and animal products/by-products.
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: Temporary changes to certification requirements for imported live animals and animal products/by-products. Language(s): . Number of pages:
6. Description of content: To provide for alternative arrangements to the use of original veterinary health certificates due to the impacts of COVID-19 on airfreight and courier mail services. Who does this notice affect? <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Importers of Live animals and animal products/by-products.2. Importers of live animals and animal products/by-products.3. The exporting Veterinary Authorities that has asked to use alternatives to original paper VHCs.4. This temporary change is relevant to the use of original and Veterinary Health Certificate (VHCs) and it does not apply to countries that already provide original VHCs with the consignments. Interim arrangements <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Where an importer is unable to present the original VHC from the exporting country's Veterinary Authorities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, our inspection officers will instead accept the electronic copy of the VHC as lodged by the exporting Veterinary Authorities through our contacts provided hereunder.2. Our inspection officers may in some cases request verification of documentation directly from the exporting Veterinary Authorities.3. Where a paper original is issued by the competent authority prior export, we recommend that it is attached to the goods and/or consignments to minimise potential delays at inspection.4. The CVO must submit a list of authorised Email addresses that will submit such certificates to the address mentioned below.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 10 April 2020</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 April 2020</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</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>Chief Veterinary Officer E-mail: AQIS@dalrrd.gov.za Website: http://www.daff.gov.za</p>
13.	<p>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>Chief Veterinary Officer E-mail: AQIS@dalrrd.gov.za Website: http://www.daff.gov.za</p>