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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: SOUTH AFRICA	
	If applicable, name of local government involved:	
2.	Agenc	y responsible: Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
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 birds and their products	
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:	
	[]	All trading partners
	[X]	Specific regions or countries: Sweden
5.	from b	of the notified document: Import restrictions on live birds and products derived birds from Sweden to South Africa because of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza . Language(s): English. Number of pages:
6.	Description of content: On 18 November 2020, Sweden reported an outbreak of H5N8 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to the OIE. It is necessary for South Africa to prevent the entry of HPAI into the country. The importation from Sweden of live birds as well as their products, that have not sufficiently been treated to inactivate the avian influenza virus, has been suspended with immediate effect.	
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] 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: To prevent the entry of HPAI into the country.	
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) Chapter 10.4
	[]	International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
	[]	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): 3 December 2020
 - [] 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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