



NOTIFICATION

1.	<p>Notifying Member: <u>GHANA</u></p> <p>If applicable, name of local government involved: Veterinary Services Directorate, Ministry of Food and Agriculture</p>
2.	<p>Agency responsible: Ministry of Food and Agriculture</p>
3.	<p>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): Animals and their meat products - HS Code(s): 02, 01</p>
4.	<p>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:</p>
5.	<p>Title of the notified document: Draft Meat Inspection Bill Language(s): English</p> <p>Number of pages: 11</p>
6.	<p>Description of content: Draft law spells out how slaughter houses are to be like and who qualifies to operate one and also to ensure that animals are examined before being slaughtered to ensure public health.</p> <p>Draft law is also to regulate the inspection of animals and meat and meat products in registered establishment and the standards for the inspection of animal slaughtered and meat products prepared in those establishments and also in respect of the import and export of meat.</p>
7.	<p>Objective and rationale: <input checked="" 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.</p>
8.	<p>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) Hygienic Practice for meat, CAC/RCP 58-2005</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>

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Animal Diseases Act 83, 1961 and Public Health Act 851, 2012 (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Yet to be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Also yet to be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Also not decided yet. [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 25 April 2016 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: National SPS Enquirer Point, Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate, Ministry of Food and Agriculture - Ghana or Veterinary Services Directorate, P.O.BOX M161, Accra. E-mail: kdicksonk@yahoo.co.uk
13.	Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: National SPS Enquirer Point, Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate, Ministry of Food and Agriculture - Ghana or Veterinary Services Directorate, P.O.BOX M161, Accra. E-mail: kdicksonk@yahoo.co.uk