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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>AFGHANISTAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Animal Health Directorate/Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Life Stock (MAIL)
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): Animal and products thereof
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: Animal Health (Veterinary) Law Language(s): Dari/Pashto Number of pages: 13
6. Description of content: Pursuant to Article 14 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, this Law provides the conditions to improve the prevention and protection of animal health; the prevention and control of animal diseases, including zoonotic diseases; the regulation of veterinary diagnostic laboratory services; the regulation of the import and export of animals, animal products, veterinary medicines and biological substances; to ensure the safety and quality of animal products destined for human or animal consumption and commercial purposes; to ensure animal welfare and to improve the economic conditions of farmers, in accordance with international obligations including relevant WTO agreements. The Law contains a total of four chapters, comprising 26 articles, dealing with: I. General Provision; II. Duties and Powers; III. Conformity of Sanitary Measures with International Standards; and IV. Final clauses.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 28 July 2016</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 15 August 2016</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 July 2016</p> <p><input 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): Not applicable</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: nationalenquiry.af@gmail.com</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Ahmad Faridon: ahmad.faridon@mail.gov.af - Abdul Hadi Qarluq: hadi.qarluq@mail.gov.af