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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THAILAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Livestock Development (DLD)
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 poultry and poultry carcasses (HS 0105, 0207, 0407, 0408)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Poland, Croatia, Zimbabwe, Ukraine, Switzerland, Slovakia, Albania, Azerbaijan, Niger, Bosnia and Herzegovina
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: The DLD order on temporary suspension of importation of live poultry and poultry carcasses from the affected countries to prevent the spread of Avian Influenza (AI) (Available in Thai).
6. Description of content: Following the reported case of AI outbreak in the affected countries, it is deemed necessary for Thailand to prevent the entry of AI disease into the countries. The importation of live poultry and poultry carcasses is temporarily suspended.
7. Objective and rationale: [] 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 reasons for urgent action: This emergency measure is to protect the domestic livestock industry.
9. International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [] International Plant Protection Convention, [] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Not specified

11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):

Poland	Effective since 9 March 2006
Switzerland	Effective since 14 March 2006
Slovakia	Effective since 15 March 2006
Croatia	Effective since 16 March 2006
Zimbabwe	Effective since 16 March 2006
Ukraine	Effective since 16 March 2006
Albania	Effective since 16 March 2006
Azerbaijan	Effective since 16 March 2006
Niger	Effective since 16 March 2006
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Effective since 16 March 2006

12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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13. Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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