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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: MAURITIUS If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection
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 including fish only
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: People's Republic of China, Italy, Iran ,South Korea, Switzerland, Reunion Island and European Union Countries
5. Title of the notified document: Communique by the Minstry of Commerce and Consumer Protection. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 http://commerce.govmu.org/English//DOCUMENTS/CORONAVIRUS%2016.03.2020.PDF
6. Description of content: The Communique introduces a temporary restriction on imports of live animals, including fish from People's Republic of China, Italy, Iran ,South Korea, Switzerland, Reunion Island and European Union Countries.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: This decision is to prevent the introduction of the COVID-19 into the Republic of Mauritius.
9. 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 Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: The COVID-19 is a novel virus and no international standard has been developed yet. Furthermore there is no sufficient scientific information on this virus. The decision was adopted on the basis of available pertinent information.

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): 16 March 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: National Notification Authority Mr D. Luximon Principal Trade Policy Analyst International Trade Division Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade 4th Floor, Medine Mews Chaussée Street, Port-Louis Mauritius Tel: +(230) 260 2914 Fax: +(230) 212 9524 Email: motas@intnet.mu vidan_2@yahoo.com National Enquiry Point National Plant Protection Office Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security Reduit, Mauritius Tel: +(230) 464 4872 Fax: +(230) 465 9591 Email: moa-pathology@govmu.org
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