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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE)
<b>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):</b> Live poultry (HS Code: 0105), and poultry products including poultry meat (HS Code: 0207), day-old chicks (HS Code: 0105.11), hatching eggs, except heat-treated meat
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Veneto, Italy
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> United Arab Emirates is imposing a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their untreated by-product, day-old chicks, hatching eggs from Italy, and imposition of a temporary ban on poultry meat and table eggs from Veneto province in Italy. <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Following the notification published by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on 23 January 2017 regarding the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus (HPAI) in Veneto province in Italy, United Arab Emirates is applying a precautionary sanitary measure to prevent the risk of introducing HPAI virus through the imports of live birds and their products from Italy. These measures include: 1. Temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their untreated by-products, day-old chicks and hatching eggs originating from Italy; 2. Temporary ban on poultry meat and table eggs and their untreated products from Veneto province in Italy, except heat-treated products; 3. Consignments of poultry meat shipped from Veneto province in Italy before 31 December 2016 were permitted.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" 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.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> There is a risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Veneto province in Italy, which is affected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. This follows the notification of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Veneto in Italy on 23 January 2017. These applied measures are in compliance with Article 10.4.4, Chapter 10.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

<p><b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Chapter 10.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 24 January 2017</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Climate Change and Environment Eng. Majd Mohamed Alherbawi Director of Food Safety Department P.O. Box 1509 United Arab Emirates - Dubai Tel: +(971 4) 214 8472 Fax: +(971 4) 265 5822 Mobile: +(971 50) 6260516 E-mail: mmalherbawi@moccae.gov.ae Website: <a href="http://www.moccae.gov.ae">http://www.moccae.gov.ae</a></p>
<p><b>13. 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:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Climate Change and Environment Eng. Ahlam Almannaei Agricultural Engineer in Food Safety Department SPS Enquiry Point P.O. Box 1509 United Arab Emirates - Dubai Tel: +(971 4) 214 8495 Fax: +(971 4) 265 5822 Mobile: +(971 50) 5903056 E-mail: aaalmanaei@moccae.gov.ae Website: <a href="http://www.moccae.gov.ae">http://www.moccae.gov.ae</a></p>