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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW)
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 (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.
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: Canada
5.	Title of the notified document: Ministerial Decree No. (773) of year 2014 concerning the imposition of the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, hatching eggs, except heat-treated meat from Canada. Language(s): Arabic Number of pages:
6.	Description of content: United Arab Emirates is applying a ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks and eggs originating from Canada.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Regarding immediate notification of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Canada on 30 November 2014, and in compliance with Article 10.4.4, Chapter 10.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Canada is no longer identified as a country free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. There is a risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from countries affected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) Chapter 10.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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>	
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: http://www.moew.gov.ae/ar/laws-and-legislations/ministerial-decrees/banning-decrees.aspx#page=1 (available in Arabic).</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 9 December 2014</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>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:</p> <p>Eng. Saif Moh. Al-Shara Assistant Undersecretary for the Agricultural Affairs and Animal Sector Responsible for WTO SPS Enquiries Ministry of Environment and Water P.O. Box 1509 United Arab Emirates - Dubai Tel: +(971 4) 214 8400 Fax: +(971 4) 265 5822 Mobile: +(971 50) 629 5050 E-mail: smalshara@moew.gov.ae Website: http://www.moew.gov.ae</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> <p>Dr. Mervat Mari Al Nuaimat Acting Veterinarian in Animal Health and Development Department/ Quarantine Ministry of Environment and Water P.O. Box 1509 United Arab Emirates - Dubai Tel: +(971 4) 214 8478 Fax: +(971 4) 265 5822 Mobile: +(971 55) 137 5997 E-mail: mmalnuaimat@moew.gov.ae Website: http://www.moew.gov.ae</p>