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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [] All trading partners
 - [X] Specific regions or countries: Italy
- 5. Title of the notified document: Lifting of the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs, from Italy to the UAE Language(s): Arabic Number of pages:
- 6. Description of content: Reference to Ministerial Decree Number (7) of year 2015 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 Italy, and in accordance to the Follow-up report No. 3 (Final report) of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Italy on 17 January 2015, the United Arab Emirates is lifting the ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks and eggs originating from Italy.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Regarding Followup report No. 3 (Final report) of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Italy on 17 January 2015. In compliance with Article 10.4.4, Chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Italy is now free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza disease. The risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Italy is negligible.
- 9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)
 - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)* Chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code

- [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
- [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 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): 26 March 2015

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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