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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

- 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:
 - [] All trading partners
 - [X] Specific regions or countries: Landes, Haute-Vienne, Aveyron and Gers provinces in France in addition to the previous province (Dordogne)
- 5. **Title of the notified document:** 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 Landes, Haute-Vienne, Aveyron and Gers provinces in France **Language(s):** Arabic **Number of pages:** 2
- 6. Description of content: United Arab Emirates is applying a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks and eggs originating from Landes, Haute-Vienne, Aveyron and Gers provinces in France, except heat treated meat. This is following the immediate notification to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) regarding Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus (HPAI) outbreaks which have occurred in Landes, Haute-Vienne, Aveyron and Gers provinces in France.
- 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: There is a risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from Landes, Haute-Vienne, Aveyron and Gers province in France, which is affected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. This is following the immediate notification to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) regarding Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus (HPAI) outbreaks which have occurred in these provinces in France, in compliance with Article 10.4.4, Chapter 10.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

- 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 World
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 - [] 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): 10 December 2015 for Landes, Haute-Vienne, Aveyron provinces 14 December 2015 for Gers province
 - [] 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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