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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 Climate Change and Environment
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: Italy
5.	Title of the notified document: Imposition of a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their untreated by-products, day-old chicks, hatching eggs, from Italy, and imposition of a temporary ban on poultry meat and table eggs from EMILIA-ROMAGNA, province in Italy Language(s): Arabic Number of pages: 2
6.	Description of content: Following the immediate notification published by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on 2 April 2016 regarding the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus (HPAI) in EMILIA-ROMAGNA/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 EMILIA-ROMAGNA province in Italy, except heat-treated products.
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: There is a risk of contamination from importing poultry and poultry products from EMILIA-ROMAGNA/Italy, which is affected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. This follows the immediate notification of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in EMILIA-ROMAGNA/Italy on 2 April 2016. 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>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><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>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 3 April 2016</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure Consignments of poultry meat shipped from EMILIA-ROMAGNA/Italy before 10 April 2016 were permitted.</p>
<p>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:</p> <p>UAE-SPS- Notification and Inquiry Ministry of Climate Change and Environment P.O. Box 1509 United Arab Emirates - Dubai Tel: +(971 4) 214 8444 Fax: +(971 4) 265 5822 E-mail: uaesps@moew.gov.ae</p>
<p>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:</p> <p>Dr Mervat Mari Al Nuaimat Veterinarian in Food Safety Department SPS Enquiry Point Ministry of Climate Change and Environment 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: mmalnaimat@moew.gov.ae Website: http://www.moew.gov.ae</p>