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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: CHILE If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero, SAG</i> (Agriculture and Livestock Service)
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): Rabbits and hares.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: <i>Establece exigencias sanitarias para la internación a Chile de conejos y liebres mascotas o animales de compañía</i> (Health requirements for the entry into Chile of pet rabbits and hares) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 4 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CHL/17_2285_00_s.pdf
6. Description of content: The notified measure reads as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This text establishes specific health requirements for the entry into Chile of pet rabbits and hares;2. For the purposes of entering Chile, animals are considered to be pets in the following circumstances:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. They travel in a group of no more than five animals;b. They are accompanied by, and travel in the same means of transport as, their owner or the person responsible for them during their journey;c. They are sent by their owners with a pet transport service;d. They are acquired abroad with a view to being made pets;e. They are not to be used for reproduction purposes and/or in commercial transactions, i.e.: sales, transfers of ownership, exhibitions or other lucrative activities;f. They have been neutered, whether male or female, and have certification to prove this;3. Health certification: Animals must be covered by an official health certificate, issued by the competent health authority in the country of origin at the time of shipment. The certificate, which must be issued in Spanish and in the official language of the country of origin, must attest to compliance with the relevant health requirements and be in line with the model approved by the Service;4. Animal origin:<ol style="list-style-type: none">4.1. Rabbits and hares entering Chile must have been born and raised in the country or area of origin, or have remained in captivity for at least 60 days prior to export;4.2. No clinical cases of tularemia, myxomatosis or rabbit haemorrhagic disease must have occurred in the area of origin in the 90 days prior to shipment;

- 4.3. Rabbits destined for laboratories must have been raised in barrier colonies; importers must demonstrate their status as research or diagnostic laboratories and meet the requirements that ensure the animals are properly looked after;
5. Pre-shipment isolation:
- 5.1. Animals must have been kept in isolation for 21 days under veterinary surveillance; during this time, there must not have been any reports of clinical signs consistent with Tularemia or other communicable infectious or contagious diseases that affect the species;
- 5.2. During the isolation period, animals must have been treated for internal and external parasites with products of proven efficacy authorized by the competent health authority;
- 5.3. During the isolation period, animals must not have come into direct contact with other animals of the same species, and must have been tested, with negative results, and/or vaccinated or treated, where appropriate, for the following diseases*:
- 5.3.1. ***Rabbit haemorrhagic disease: Haemagglutination inhibition test or indirect ELISA or competitive ELISA, or at least two immunizations with an inactivated virus, the most recent immunization having taken place within the six months prior to shipment. The diagnosis date, diagnostic technique or vaccine must be indicated;*
- 5.3.2. ***Tularemia: PCR;*
- 5.3.3. *Internal and external parasites: Treatment with broad-spectrum antiparasitics authorized by the competent health authority. The date of treatment must be indicated;*
- 5.4. Diagnostic tests must have been conducted in an official laboratory or one recognized by the health authority of the place of origin;
- 5.5. Where the country is free from the above-mentioned diseases, no diagnostic tests will be necessary.
- * *Where animals have been vaccinated, relevant vaccination details must be provided: Date of vaccination, vaccine producer, series number, control number and expiry date.*
- ** *Diagnostic protocols must be attached.*
6. Shipment requirements:
- 6.1. Pet animals must be covered by an official health certificate in Spanish, issued at the time of shipment by the competent health authority of the country of origin, attesting that the shipment meets health requirements and that the animals have been neutered, and indicating the country and address of origin, the name of the owner, pet identification details, the number of animals travelling, the address of their destination, their mode of transportation, and their point of entry into Chile;
- 6.2. On the day they embarked for their journey to Chile, the animals must not have shown any clinical signs of the infectious or contagious diseases that can affect their species, or any signs of the presence of external parasites, and must be in a good condition for exportation;
- 6.3. During transportation, all relevant steps must have been taken to ensure the sanitary conditions required by Chile and the well-being of the animals;
7. Conditions for entry into Chile:
- 7.1. Upon their arrival in the country, animals must undergo post-entry quarantine at the Lo Aguirre quarantine station run by the Agriculture and Livestock Service, or at another establishment approved by the Service, for a minimum period of ten days, which may be extended, if deemed necessary by the Service;
- 7.2. During the post-entry quarantine period, animals may undergo any diagnostic tests or treatment that the Service deems necessary, at the cost of the interested party;
- 7.3. The exotic wildlife authorization resolution issued by the Renewable Natural Resources Division of the SAG must be submitted for all types of animals;
- 7.4. Where the species to be imported is included in the appendices of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the requirements of this Convention and existing regulations must be met;
- 7.- Resolution No. 6.851/2012, which amends Resolution No. 396 of 1993 laying down health requirements for the entry into Chile of rabbits and hares, is hereby repealed.

7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p>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 Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) Terrestrial Animal Health Code: Chapters 13.1 and 13.2.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM No.):</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>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Upon publication in the Official Journal.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 80 days from the date of circulation of the notification.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Upon publication in the Official Journal.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 July 2017</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Email: sps.chile@sag.gob.cl</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Email: sps.chile@sag.gob.cl</p>