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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| <b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CHINA</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| <b>2. Agency responsible:</b> The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China   |
| <b>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):</b> Aquatic products (including the edible aquatic animals)   |
| <b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Japan   |
| <b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Announcement of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China on suspending import of all aquatic products from Japan. <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2<br><a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CHN/23_12111_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CHN/23_12111_00_x.pdf</a>  |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> In order to fully guard against the risk of radioactive contamination of food safety caused by the discharge of nuclear contaminated water from Fukushima in Japan, to protect the health of Chinese consumers and ensure the food safety of imported food, the General Administration of Customs decided to suspend import of all aquatic products, including the edible aquatic animals, originating in Japan from 24 August 2023 (inclusive).            |
| <b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.  |
| <b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> The discharge of contaminated water from Fukushima nuclear disaster into the sea in Japan will pose uncontrollable risks to food safety and public health. The emergency measure is issued in order to fully prevent risks and effectively protect life and health of the public.   |
| <b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):<br><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):<br><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None |

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| <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b><br/><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>  |
| <p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>   |
| <p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b><br/>24 August 2023</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>   |
| <p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>WTO/SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center of the People's Republic of China<br/>Tel: +(86 10) 5795 4645/5795 4642<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@customs.gov.cn">sps@customs.gov.cn</a></p> |
| <p><b>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>WTO/SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center of the People's Republic of China<br/>Tel: +(86 10) 5795 4645/5795 4642<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@customs.gov.cn">sps@customs.gov.cn</a></p>                            |