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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>KINDGOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Animal and plant Quarantine Department, Ministry of Agriculture
3.	<b>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> Live catfish
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: South Africa
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Notice of Ministry of Agriculture Decision No. 261551 dated 29 March 2015 (09/06/1436 AH) entitled "Temporary ban of importation Live Catfish " originated from South Africa <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic <b>Number of pages:</b> 1
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Following the OIE report, Ref. No. 11, Vol. 28 (16524) dated 11 March 2015, which indicates that Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome outbreak in North West of South Africa. It is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome into the country. Therefore, the import of live Catfish from South Africa to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input 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.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Previous outbreak of Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome (1 February 2013) was reported by official announcement of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). Its reoccurrence on 2 August 2014 in South Africa urges the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to institute this emergency measure to prevent the entry of Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome into the country.
9.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) Aquatic Animal Health Code (2014) Chapter 10.2 <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" 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>  29 March 2015 (09/06/1436 AH)</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>Animal and plant Quarantine Department  Airport Road, Riyadh 11195  Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  Tel: +(966 11) 404 4292            +(966 11) 401 6666, ext. 3074  Fax: +(966 11) 401 1323  E-mail: alfadhlg@hotmail.com  Website: <a href="http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal">http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal</a></p>
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