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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Notifying Member: <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Animal and Plant Quarantine Department, Ministry of Agriculture
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 koi carps fish
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: Austria
5.	Title of the notified document: Notice of Ministry of Agriculture Decision No. 76190 dated 25 November 2015 (13/2/1437 AH), Temporary ban of importation of live koi carps fish - originated from the Republic of Austria Language(s): Arabic Number of pages: 1 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/SAU/15_5013_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: According to the message of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) dated 6 November 2015, which indicates koi herpes virus disease outbreak in Austria, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of koi herpes virus disease into the country. Therefore the import of live koi carps fish from Austria to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended.
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 type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Due to the presence of koi herpes virus disease outbreak in Austria that infects koi carps (OIE listed, disease), the competent authority in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is instituting this emergency measure to prevent the entry of koi herpes virus disease into the country. Therefore, the import of live koi carps fish from Austria to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended.
9.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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 – Chapter 1.4 " Aquatic Animal health surveillance" <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)

<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): 25 November 2015</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>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:</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture Animal and Plant Quarantine Department king Abd ul aziz road Tel: +(966 1) 4044292 +(966 1) 4016666 Ext. 3074 Fax: +(966 1) 4011323 E-mail: alfadlg@hotmail.com Website: http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal</p>
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