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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 Environment, Water and 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): Cattle
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: Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti, Georgia
5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture Decision No. 62297 dated 15 November 2016 (15/2/1438 H), entitled "Temporary ban of importation of cattle originated from Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti in the Republic of Georgia". Language(s): . Number of pages:
6. Description of content: Following the OIE report, Ref. No. 45, Vol. 29 dated 8 November 2016, which indicates that a Lumpy Skin disease outbreak has occurred in Georgia, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of the disease into the country. Therefore, the importation of live cattle from Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti, Georgia 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: An outbreak of Lumpy Skin disease in Racha-Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti, Georgia was reported on 8 November 2016 by official announcement of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). This urges the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to institute this emergency measure to prevent the entry of the disease virus into the country.
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): Terrestrial of Animal Health Code, chapter number 11.11 <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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>	
10.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 15 November 2016 (15/02/1438H)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>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 Abdul-Aziz Road Tel: +(966 11) 4044292 +(966 11) 4016666 Ext. 3074 Fax: +(966 11) 4011323 E-mail: ossamaalsaleh2@gmail.com Website: http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal</p>
13.	<p>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:</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture Animal and Plant Quarantine Department king Abdul-Aziz Road Tel: +(966 11) 4044292 +(966 11) 4016666 Ext. 3074 Fax: +(966 11) 4011323 E-mail: ossamaalsaleh2@gmail.com Website: http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal</p>