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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

1. Notifying Member: KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: Animal and Plant Quarantine Department, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national 3. schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Live birds, hatching eggs and one-day old chicks 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners Г٦ Specific regions or countries: Tunisia [X] 5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Ministry of Environment Water and Agriculture Decision No. 97894 dated 12 December 2016 (13/03/1438 AH) entitled "Temporary Ban of importation of Live Bird, Hatching Egg and One day Old Chick" originated from Tunisia. Language(s): . Number of pages: 6. Description of content: Following the OIE report, Ref. No. 48, Vol. 29 dated 1 December 2016, which indicates that a HPAI outbreak has reoccurred in Tunisia, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of HPAI disease into the country. Therefore, the import of live birds, hatching eggs and one-day old chicks from Tunisia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended. 7. Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests. 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: An outbreak of HPAI was reported by official announcement of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on 12 December 2016 in Tunisia. This urges the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to institute this emergency measure to prevent the entry of HPAI virus into the country. 9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Animal Terrestrial health code, Chapter 10.4 **International Plant Protection Convention** (e.g. ISPM number): [] [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- **11.** Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable): 12 December 2016 (13/03/1438 AH)
  - [ ] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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