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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: Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
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): Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)
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: Faroe Islands, Denmark
5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), Decision No. 25234 dated 18 April 2017 (21/07/1438H) entitled "Temporary ban of importation of chilled and frozen Atlantic salmon" originated from Faroe Islands, Denmark, with exception of: a) Heat sterilized, hermetically sealed fish products (i.e. a heat treatment at 121°C for at least 3.6 minutes or any time/temperature equivalent); b) Pasteurized fish products that have been subjected to a heat treatment at 90°C for at least ten minutes (or to any time/temperature equivalent which has been demonstrated to inactivate ISAV); c) Mechanically dried, eviscerated fish (i.e. a heat treatment at 100°C for 30 minutes or any time/temperature equivalent which has been demonstrated to inactivate ISAV); d) Fish oil; e) Fish meal; f) Fish skin leather; g) Frozen eviscerated fish and Frozen fish fillets. Language(s): . Number of pages:
6. Description of content: Following the OIE report, ref. No. 23396 dated 28 March 2017, which indicates that Infectious salmon anaemia virus outbreak (ISAV) has reoccurred in Faroe Islands, Denmark, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of Infectious salmon anaemia virus into the country. Therefore, the import of Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) from Faroe Islands, Denmark to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: An outbreak of ISAV was reported by official announcement of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on 28 March 2017 in Faroe Islands, Denmark. This urges the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to institute this emergency measure to prevent the entry of ISAV virus into the country.

9.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><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 10.4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <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>
10.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 18 April 2017 (21/07/1438H)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" 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>Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unit (1) - Riyadh 13312 - 6288 Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, ext. 3331 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfda.gov.sa/</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" 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>Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unit (1) - Riyadh 13312 - 6288 Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, ext. 3331 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfda.gov.sa/</p>