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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Livestock Risk Assessment Department, Ministry of Environment, Water and 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 animals
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: Nepal
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Notice of Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Decision No. 11/1291/1439 dated 2 October 2017 (12/1/1439 H) entitled "Temporary Ban on the Importation of Live Animals" originating from Nepal. <b>Language(s):</b> . <b>Number of pages:</b>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Following the OIE report, ref. No. 34, Vol. 30 dated 24 August 2017, which indicates that a Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) outbreak has occurred in Nepal, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of FMD into the country. Therefore, the importation of live animals from Nepal 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 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> An outbreak of FMD was reported by official announcement of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) in Nepal. This urges the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to institute this emergency measure to prevent the entry of FMD Virus 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): Animal Terrestrial health code, Chapter 2.8.8. <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<p><b>[X] Yes [ ] No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b>          2 October 2017 (12/1/1439 H)</p> <p><b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture          Livestock Risk Assessment Department          King Abdel Aziz Road, Riyadh 11195          Kingdom of Saudi Arabia          Tel: +(966 11) 4044292          +(966 11) 4016666          E-mail: sanad@mewa.sa          Website: <a href="http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal">http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal</a></p>
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