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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: Livestock Risk Assessment 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): Live birds, hatching eggs and one day old chicks
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: Afghanistan
5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Decision No. 219/1291/1439 dated 12 February 2018 (26/05/1439 H) entitled "Temporary Ban of Importation of Live Birds, Hatching Egg and One Day Old Chicks Originating from Afghanistan". Language(s): . Number of pages:
6. Description of content: Following the OIE report, ref. Vol. 31 - No. 04 dated 23 January 2018, which indicates that High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak has occurred in Afghanistan, 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 birds, hatching eggs and one day old chicks from Afghanistan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is 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 HPAI was reported in Afghanistan 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 HPAI 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): Animal Terrestrial Health Code, Chapter 10.4 <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): 12 February 2018 (26/05/1439 H)</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 Environment Water and Agriculture Livestock Risk Assessment Department King Abdel Aziz Road, Riyadh 11195 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Tel: +(966 11) 404 4292 +(966 11) 401 6666 E-mail: anml.rsk@mewa.gov.sa Website: http://www.mewa.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 Environment Water and Agriculture Livestock Risk Assessment Department King Abdel Aziz Road, Riyadh 11195 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Tel: +(966 11) 404 4292 +(966 11) 401 6666 E-mail: anml.rsk@mewa.gov.sa Website: http://www.mewa.gov.sa/public/portal</p>