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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade and Industry |
| 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): Aquacultured live and chilled raw bivalves molluscs (oysters, mussels etc.) |
| 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: |
| 5. Title of the notified document: Compulsory specification for aquacultured live and chilled raw bivalves molluscs. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 11 |
| 6. Description of content: This compulsory specification requires that aquacultured live and chilled raw bivalves molluscs for human consumption which are offered for sale, complies with the chemical, marine biotoxins and microbiological requirements for disease-causing organisms outlined in the referenced SANS 2879, read together with the shellfish monitoring programme and relevant technical regulations. |
| 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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CODEX STAN 297-2015: Live and raw chilled bivalves <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: |

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| 9. | Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SANS (South African National Standard) 2879: live and chilled raw bivalves - Codex Code of Practice for fish and fishery products - South African Live Molluscan Shellfish Monitoring and Control Programme (available in English) |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): After all comments are taken into consideration Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): After all comments are taken into consideration |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): [] Trade facilitating measure |
| 12. | Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 December 2017 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: National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) Private Bag X25 Brooklyn 0075 Tel: +(27 12) 482 8930 E-mail: maphuti.kutu@nrccs.org.za |
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