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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Emirates Authority for Standardization & Metrology (ESMA) <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>  Ministry of Climate Change and Environment Eng. Majd Mohamed Alherbawi Director of Food Safety Department P.O. Box 1509 United Arab Emirates - Dubai Tel: +(971 4) 214 8472 Fax: +(971 4) 265 5822 Mobile: +(971 50) 6260516 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mmalherbawi@moccae.gov.ae">mmalherbawi@moccae.gov.ae</a> Website: <a href="http://www.moccae.gov.ae">http://www.moccae.gov.ae</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b> Ministerial Decree regulates the fishing and trade of sharks
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Sharks and shark fins
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ministerial Decree regulates the fishing and trade of sharks (4 page(s), in Arabic)
<b>6. Description of content:</b>  The Ministerial Decree regulates the fishing and trade of sharks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- It is prohibited to export locally caught sharks throughout the year in any form. This includes shark fins.</li><li>- It is prohibited to import and therefore re-export sharks in any form from 1 March to 31 July every year.</li><li>- It is prohibited to export, import and therefore re-export shark fins in any form throughout the year.</li></ul> Please note that during the seasonal ban from 1 March to 31 July, all trade in sharks will be prohibited in the UAE local market.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment

<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents: -</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> NA <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 July 2018
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  Ministry of Climate Change and Environment Eng. Ahlam Almannaei Agricultural Engineer in Food Safety Department SPS Enquiry Point P.O. Box 1509 United Arab Emirates - Dubai Tel: +(971 4) 214 8495 Fax: +(971 4) 265 5822 Mobile: +(971 50) 5903056 E-mail: <a href="mailto:aaalmanaei@moccae.gov.ae">aaalmanaei@moccae.gov.ae</a> Website: <a href="http://www.moccae.gov.ae">http://www.moccae.gov.ae</a>