NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** MOROCCO**If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Office National de Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires* (National Office for Food Safety) |
| **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):** Birds of any species, poultry, poultry meat, poultry meat products, eggs and egg products. |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ] All trading partners****[X] Specific regions or countries:** Netherlands |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Mesure d'urgence, appliquée par le Maroc, relative à la prohibition d'importation d'oiseaux de toutes espèces, de volailles, viandes de volailles et produits à base de ces viandes, oeufs et ovoproduits à partir des Pays Bas à cause d'influenza aviaire hautement pathogène* (Emergency measure, applied by Morocco, prohibiting the importation from the Netherlands of birds of any species, poultry, poultry meat, poultry meat products, eggs and egg products, on account of highly pathogenic avian influenza) **Language(s): Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In light of the recent cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza reported on 4 November 2020 by the Netherlands, measures have been introduced to prohibit the importation into Morocco of poultry of any species, poultry meat, poultry meat products, eggs and egg products from that country.The ban does not apply to poultry meat and poultry meat products that have been heat-treated to destroy the highly pathogenic avian influenza virus, in accordance with OIE recommendations. Upon importation, these products must be accompanied by a sanitary certificate and a certificate issued by the relevant health authorities confirming that they have been heat-treated. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** To prevent highly pathogenic avian influenza from entering Morocco. |
| **9.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:****[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:****[X] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** Chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.**[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:****[ ] None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?****[X] Yes [ ] No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **10.** | **Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):** 5 November 2020 - Until the ban is lifted.**[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:***Office National de Sécurité Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires*, ONSSA (National Office for Food Safety)*Direction de l'Évaluation des Risques et des Affaires Juridiques* (Directorate of Risk Assessment and Legal Affairs)*Division de la Normalisation et des Questions SPS* (Standardization and SPS Division)Avenue Hadj Ahmed Cherkaoui, Agdal, Rabat, MoroccoTel.: (+212) 537 676 513Fax: (+212) 537 682 049Email: ma.sps.enquirypoint@onssa.gov.ma |
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