NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  **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 fish |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Thailand |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Notice of the Ministry of Environment Water and Agriculture, Decision No. 34/1291/1439 dated 18 October 2017 (28/1/1439H) entitled "Temporary ban on the importation of live fish from Thailand". **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Following the OIE report, ref. No. 39, Vol. 30 dated 24 September 2017, which indicates that Tilapia Lake Virus disease has occurred in Thailand, 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 fish from Thailand to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [****X] animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****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:** An outbreak of Tilapia Lake Virus disease was reported by official announcement of the World Organization for Animal Health in Thailand. This urges the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to institute this emergency measure to prevent the entry of the disease into the country. |
| **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)*:**  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [X]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** Emerging disease  (<http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Internationa_Standard_Setting/docs/pdf/A_TiLV_disease_card.pdf>) |
| **10.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 18 October 2017 (28/1/1439 H)  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **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:**  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: http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  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: http://www.moa.gov.sa/public/portal |