NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **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 birds, hatching eggs and one-day old chicks |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Bulgaria |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Notice of Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Decision No. 288/1291/1439 dated 21 March 2018 (04/07/1439 H) entitled "Temporary Ban on the Importation of Live Birds, Hatching Eggs and One-day Old Chicks" originating from Bulgaria. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Following the OIE report, ref. No. 09, Vol. 31 dated 1 March 2018, which indicates that an outbreak of High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has occurred in Bulgaria, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of HPAI disease into the country. Therefore, the importation of live birds, hatching eggs and one-day old chicks from Bulgaria 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 HPAI was reported in Bulgaria 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:**  **[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[****X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**Animal Terrestrial Health Code, Chapter 10.4  **[ ]** **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.** | **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):** 21 March 2018  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [ ]****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) 404 4292  +(966 11) 401 6666  E-mail: anml.rsk@mewa.gov.sa  Website: http://www.mewa.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) 404 4292  +(966 11) 401 6666  E-mail: anml.rsk@mewa.gov.sa  Website: http://www.mewa.gov.sa/public/portal |