NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United Arab Emirates  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Climate Change and Environment |
| **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 poultry (HS Code: 0105), day-old chicks (HS Code: 0105.11), hatching eggs, and poultry products including poultry meat (HS Code: 0207), except heat-treated products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Emilia-Romagna region in Italy |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** United Arab Emirates is imposing a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their untreated by-products from Emilia‑Romagna region in Italy. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Following the notification published by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) regarding the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus (HPAI) in the Emilia-Romagna region in Italy, the United Arab Emirates is applying a precautionary sanitary measure to prevent the risk of introducing HPAI virus through the imports of live birds and their products from the Emilia-Romagna region in Italy.  These measures include:   1. Temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their untreated by-products and day-old chicks and hatching eggs from Italy to the United Arab Emirates; 2. Regulating the import of poultry meat and table eggs and their non-heat treated products according to the health certificate for export of "meat and meat products" and the health certificate for export of "table eggs and egg products" from Italy to the United Arab Emirates; 3. Continue to allow the importation of heat-treated poultry products (treated meat and treated egg products) from all regions in Italy; 4. Consignments of table eggs and poultry meat and their products from the Emilia-Romagna region that were produced after 1 January 2021 are not allowed to be exported to the United Arab Emirates; 5. Consignments of poultry meat and table eggs and their non-heat treated products from non infected areas in Italy will be released according to the health certificate form for export of "meat and meat products" and the health certificate form for export of "table eggs and egg products" currently used, provided that the competent authorities in Italy should send a health statement saying that the imported product(s) from areas where Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus (HPAI) has not been registered within a radius of 25 km around the farm/slaughterhouse/packing establishment the source of the products on at least for a period of not less than three months before production, and all necessary precautions have been taken to prevent the consignment from being in contact with any source of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus (HPAI). *This is to be done temporarily until the approval of the health certificate forms is completed between the two countries.* |
| **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:** There is a risk of contamination from importing poultry from the Emilia-Romagna region in Italy, which is affected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. These applied measures are in compliance with Article 10.4.4, Chapter 10.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code. |
| **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)*:** Chapter 10.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (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.** | **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):** 29 January 2021  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
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