NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** HONG KONG, CHINA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region |
| **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):** All aquatic products that are live, chilled, frozen, dried or otherwise preserved, sea salt and raw or processed seaweeds |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****] All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Ten metropolis/prefectures in Japan, namely Tokyo, Fukushima, Ibaraki, Miyagi, Chiba, Gunma, Tochigi, Niigata, Nagano and Saitama |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Food Safety Ordinance (Chapter 612) (Section 30) - Variation of Food Safety Order. **Language(s):** English and Chinese. **Number of pages:**9 pages  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/HKG/23\_12528\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/HKG/23_12528_00_e.pdf" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Food Safety Order prohibits the import into and supply within Hong Kong all aquatic products originating from ten metropolis/prefectures in Japan, namely Tokyo, Fukushima, Ibaraki, Miyagi, Chiba, Gunma, Tochigi, Niigata, Nagano and Saitama, which are harvested, manufactured, processed or packed on or after 24 August 2023. These include all aquatic products that are live, chilled, frozen, dried or otherwise preserved, sea salt and raw or processed seaweeds. The order takes effect from 24 August 2023. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [****] 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:** Discharge of treated nuclear-contaminated water from Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean, starting from 24 August 2023. Details are set out in the Food Safety Order. |
| **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 [****] 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:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/HKG/23_12528_00_x.pdf> (available in Chinese) |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 24 August 2023  **[****] 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:**  Centre for Food Safety, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department  Chief Health Inspector (Import/export)7  43/F, Queensway Government Offices  66 Queensway, Hong Kong  Telephone: +(852) 2867 5530  Email: [fsc@fehd.gov.hk](mailto:fsc@fehd.gov.hk) |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****] National Notification Authority, [****] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Centre for Food Safety, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department  Chief Health Inspector (Import/export)7  43/F, Queensway Government Offices  66 Queensway, Hong Kong  Telephone: +(852) 2867 5530  Email: [fsc@fehd.gov.hk](mailto:fsc@fehd.gov.hk) |