NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Singapore**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) |
| **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):** Non-human primates (for exhibition in zoos); HS Code: 01061100 |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X]** **All trading partners** **[ ]****Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Zoological Animals and Birds in the Order Primates.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 4<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/SGP/21_3708_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Zoological Animals and Birds in the Order Primates has been reviewed and amended as follows:*Under Part IV: VETERINARY CERTIFICATION*1. Included text "Prior approval from NParks/AVS must be obtained if the consignment of animals is stopping over at an airport in a country not free from yellow fever, and the animals must be transported in mosquito-proof crates;"
2. Included text "The animals would be transported in containers that comply with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations."

*[The following amendments in the section below are trade facilitative, not subject to a comment period and will enter into force on 1 July 2021.]**Under Part IV: VETERINARY CERTIFICATION*1. Amended text on the requirements for residency and pre-export quarantine from:
* "(a) In the case of animals that do not satisfy the 2-year residency requirement in the zoo, the animals have been kept under quarantine in captivity in mosquito-proof enclosures for at least three (3) months prior to export;

(b) In the case of animals that satisfy the 2-year residency requirement in the zoo, the animals have been kept in captivity in the zoo for at least one (1) month prior to export."to* "(a) For animals that have been continuously resident in the premises of origin since birth or for the two years prior to export, the animals have been kept under quarantine for at least thirty (30) days immediately prior export; or

(b) For animals that do not satisfy the 2-year residency requirement in the zoo, the animals have been kept under quarantine in mosquito-proof enclosures for at least ninety (90) days prior to export."1. Amended text on vaccination from:
* "The animals have never been vaccinated against yellow fever and have not been vaccinated with any vaccine within thirty (30) days of export, unless approved by the NParks/AVS;"

to* "The animals have not been vaccinated with any vaccine within thirty (30) days of export, unless approved by the NParks/AVS;"
1. Amended text on requirements for mosquito-proof enclosures from:
* "In the case of animals that do not satisfy the 2-year residency requirement in the zoo, the requirement for mosquito-proof enclosures and transport crates would remain;"

to* "For animals that do not satisfy the 2-year residency requirement in the zoo, the animals will be transported in mosquito-proof crates."

*Under Part VI: QUARANTINE*1. Amended text on quarantine requirements from:
* "Upon arrival, the animals that do not satisfy the 2-year residency requirement in the zoo shall be quarantined for a period of at least three (3) months in mosquito-proof enclosures at an approved area at the Zoo."

to* "Upon arrival, (a) for animals that do not satisfy the 2-year residency requirement in the zoo of export, the animals shall be quarantined for a period of at least ninety (90) days in mosquito-proof enclosures at an approved area at the importer's premises; or

(b) for animals that have been continuously resident in the premises of origin since birth or for the two years prior to export, the animals shall be quarantined for a period of at least thirty (30) days at an approved area at the importer's premises."1. Amended text on post-arrival tuberculosis (TB) testing and removed yellow fever testing from:
* "The animals shall be subject to the following tests with negative results during quarantine within two weeks of arrival:
1. serology for yellow fever. Animals with borderline or positive titres shall be destroyed at the discretion of Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare; and
2. comparative skin test with mammalian and avian tuberculin, and other relevant confirmatory tests if required. Animals with positive results shall be destroyed at the discretion of Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare."

to* "The animals shall be subject to the following tests with negative results during quarantine within two weeks of arrival: tuberculin skin test performed using mammalian old tuberculin (MOT) OR comparative skin test with mammalian and avian tuberculin, and other relevant confirmatory tests if required. Animals with positive results will be investigated and appropriate disease control measures imposed, which may include destruction of the animals."
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [****X]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [****X]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **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)*:** Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapters 6.12 and 2.1.4**[ ]****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:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** The Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Zoological Animals and Birds in the Order Primates are as attached with this notification.  |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** For Amendments S/n 1 and 2: 2 August 2021. For Amendments S/n 3-7: 5 June 2021.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** For Amendments S/n 1 and 2: 2 August 2021. For Amendments S/n 3-7: 5 June 2021. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [X]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** Amendments S/n 1 and 2 will enter into force six months from date of publication. Amendments S/n 3-7 are trade facilitative and will enter into force on 1 July 2021.**[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 27 July 2021 for amendments S/n 1 and 2. Amendments S/n 3-7 are trade facilitative, not subject to a comment period and will enter into force on 1 July 2021.**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:** Animal & Veterinary ServiceNational Parks BoardAttn: Animal & Veterinary Programme Office, Professional and Scientific Services Division52 Jurong Gateway Road, #09-01Singapore 608550Republic of SingaporeE-mail: Tay\_Rijin@nparks.gov.sg Christine\_he\_lee@nparks.gov.sg |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** The Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Zoological Animals and Birds in the Order Primates are as attached with this notification.For further information, please contact:Animal & Veterinary ServiceNational Parks BoardAttn: Animal & Veterinary Programme Office, Professional and Scientific Services Division52 Jurong Gateway Road, #09-01Singapore 608550Republic of SingaporeE-mail: Tay\_Rijin@nparks.gov.sg Christine\_he\_lee@nparks.gov.sg |