NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Thailand  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** - |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Livestock Development (DLD) |
| **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 prawns and prawn carcasses (including *Penaeus vannamei*, *P. monodon* and *P. stylirostris*) (HS Code: 0306) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Ecuador |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** DLD order on temporary suspension of importation of live prawns and prawn carcasses (including *Penaeus vannamei*, *P. monodon* and *P. stylirostris*) from Ecuador to prevent the spread of White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV), Infectious Hypodermal and Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus (IHHNV) and Yellow Head Virus (YHV). **Language(s):** Thai. **Number of pages:** 1  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/THA/21_6140_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** According to the announcement of the Government Gazette dated 1 June 2021, the suspension for importation of live prawns and prawn carcasses (including *Penaeus vannamei, P. monodon* and *P. stylirostris*) from Ecuador has expired on 30 August 2021. However, White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV), Infectious Hypodermal and Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus (IHHNV) and Yellow Head Virus (YHV) have been detected in frozen marine shrimps imported from Ecuador. In addition, the evaluation of disease control system of Ecuador for frozen marine shrimps exported to Thailand is still in progress. Therefore, it is necessary for Thailand to prevent the entry of White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV), Infectious Hypodermal and Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus (IHHNV) and Yellow Head Virus (YHV) into the country. By the virtue of Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the importation of live prawns and prawn carcasses (including *Penaeus vannamei*, *P. monodon* and *P. stylirostris*) from Ecuador is temporarily suspended for a period of 90 days after publication in the Thai Royal Gazette (17 September 2021). |
| **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:** This emergency measure is to protect the domestic fisheries. |
| **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)*:** Chapters 9.4, 9.8 and 9.9 of the Aquatic Animal Health Code (2019)  **[ ]** **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):** For a period of 90 days after being notified in the Thai Royal Gazette (18 September 2021 – 16 December 2021).  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
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