NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency, Ministry of 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 crustaceans and molluscs |
| **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:** The draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Live Crustaceans and Molluscs" in relation to Article 10 (Annex 8-4) of the "Regulations for the Importation of Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine". **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 9<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TPKM/24_07637_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The amendment aims to incorporate the susceptible species of crustaceans and the sampling methods outlined in the emergency measures established in 2020 regarding the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Regulated Objects Related to Decapod Iridescent Virus 1". Additionally, the update aligns with the latest version of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) regarding susceptible species of mollusks, and incorporates hybrid abalones in the quarantine requirements. The amended texts of the draft amendment quarantine requirements are marked in red. |
| **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.** | **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 9.3 of the WOAH Aquatic 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:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** The draft amendment of the "Regulations for the Importation of Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine" and the aforementioned Quarantine Requirements (Ministry of Agriculture Announcement, Nong Fang Zi No. 1131869695 dated 18 October 2024) can be found at: <https://www.aphia.gov.tw/theme_data.php?theme=news&sub_theme=massage&id=20700> (available in Chinese) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 December 2024**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**[X] Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 December 2024**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 and Plant Health Inspection Agency, Ministry of Agriculture9F, No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 100060, TaiwanTel: +(886) 2 8978 2312Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200E-mail: wtosps@aphia.gov.tw |
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