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):** Meat (game meat, poultry meat, meat derived from Artiodactyla animals, chilled or frozen beef/pork from Paraguay) and egg products for human consumption |
| **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 following Quarantine Requirements in relation the Articles of "Regulations for the Importation of Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine": (1) "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Game Meat" (Article 10, Annex 13-1); (2) "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Poultry Meat" (Article 10, Annex 13-2); (3) "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Meat Derived from Artiodactyla Animals" (Article 10, Annex 13-3); (4) "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Deboned (chilled or frozen) Beef from Paraguay" (Article 10, Annex 14-1); (5) "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Deboned (chilled or frozen) Pork from Paraguay" (Article 10, Annex 14-2); (6) "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Products of Animal Origin" (Article 19, Annex 18-4). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 25<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TPKM/24_07638_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TPKM/24_07638_01_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TPKM/24_07638_02_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TPKM/24_07638_03_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TPKM/24_07638_04_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/TPKM/24_07638_05_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Considering that there are numerous types of canned foods for human consumption that comply with high-temperature sterilization, and that some products are classified under specific Commodity Classification Code (CCC Code) and do not require quarantine, while other products are not classified under specific CCC codes or lack specific CCC codes altogether, necessitating quarantine procedures, and given that the risk of these canned foods transmitting infectious animal diseases is extremely low. Therefore, conditions are added that exempt meat and egg products that comply with high-temperature sterilization from quarantine requirements for consistency and to consider factor of quarantine cost. 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 8.8, 10.4, 10.9, 11.4, 11.5, 12.10, 14.7, 15.1 and 15.2 of the WOAH 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:**  |
| **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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