NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United Arab Emirates  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Climate Change and Environment |
| **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 poultry (HS Code: 0105), day-old chicks (HS Code: 0105.11), hatching eggs, and poultry products including poultry meat (HS Code: 0207) except heat‑treated products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Plovdiv region in Bulgaria |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** United Arab Emirates is imposing a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their untreated by-products from Bulgaria. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:** |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Following the notification published by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) regarding the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus (HPAI) in the Plovdiv region in Bulgaria, the United Arab Emirates is applying a precautionary sanitary measure to prevent the risk of introducing HPAI virus through the imports of live birds and their products from the Plovdiv region in Bulgaria.  These measures include:   1. Temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their untreated by‑products and day-old chicks and hatching eggs from Bulgaria to the United Arab Emirates; 2. Applying the "mechanism of importing falcons from high-risk countries" on importing from Bulgaria; 3. Continue to allow the importation of heat-treated poultry products (treated meat and treated egg products) in addition to the heat-treated by-products from all regions in Bulgaria; 4. Allow the entry of consignments of unheat-treated poultry meat and table eggs from areas (according to the first administrative division (County)) that are not infected, according to the currently used health certificate models, provided that the competent authorities of the country of export send a health statement: "The imported products were produced (and packed) from live poultry from a facility (farm/slaughterhouse/packing facility) in an area (defined within a 25 km radius around the facility) in which no highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) have been recorded for a period of no less than 28 days prior to exportation with the application of the destruction policy or for a period of no less than 12 months prior to export without applying the policy of destruction; 5. Consignments of table eggs and poultry meat from Plovdiv Region that were produced/slaughtered/packed after 25 October 2021 are not allowed to be exported to the United Arab Emirates. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] 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:** There is a risk of contamination from importing poultry from the Plovdiv region in Bulgaria, which is affected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. These applied measures are in compliance with Article 10.4.4, Chapter 10.4 of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code. |
| **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)*:** Chapter 10.4 of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) 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:** |
| **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):** 22 November 2021  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Ministry of Climate Change and Environment  SPS Notification and Inquiry Point  United Arab Emirates  E-mail: uaesps@moccae.gov.ae |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Ministry of Climate Change and Environment  SPS Notification and Inquiry Point  United Arab Emirates  E-mail: uaesps@moccae.gov.ae |