NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Norway  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture and Food |
| **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):** Hay (HS Code: 12.14.9091); Straw (HS Code: 12.13.0001); Processed hay and straw (HS Code: 12.14.9099) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Other countries than the European Economic Area |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Regulation concerning additional requirements for imported hay and straw for animal feed. **Language(s):** English translation. **Number of pages:** 2  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/NOR/18_5697_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The regulation introduces the following requirements for hay and straw imported into Norway:   * Hay and straw must be accompanied by a declaration from the producer that the hay/straw was stored for at least two months before export; * Hay and straw from USA and Canada must be accompanied by attestation from an official veterinarian certifying that the product was harvested in a state or province where Chronic Wasting Disease has not been detected.   The regulation also includes requirements (that have been in place since 2001) for hay and straw from another Norwegian regulation in order to ensure that the additional requirements for hay and straw are in one regulation. These requirements are:   * Hay and straw must be accompanied by a declaration from the producer that the product was harvested from farms where manure has not been used as fertilizer for the past two years; * Hay and straw must also be accompanied by an attestation from an official veterinarian certifying that the product was harvested from a farm where there are no restrictions because of contagious animal disease. |
| **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:** The drought the past summer (2018) has resulted in an unprecedented shortage of hay and straw in Norway making import of these products necessary.  The Norwegian Veterinary Institute assessed the risk related to the import of hay and straw from other European Economic Area countries and relevant countries outside the EEA in July 2018 (risk assessments dated 11 and 26 July 2018).  On 13 July 2018, the farmer organisations had a meeting to organize the handling of the feed crisis. The same day the farmer organisations also had a meeting with the Norwegian Food Safety Authority concerning import of feed.  The Ministry of Agriculture and Food reduced import duties on hay and straw on 13 July 2018 to ensure fodder for livestock. For information that shows the necessary compensation because of crop failure, see the following link:  <https://www.landbruksdirektoratet.no/no/erstatning/klimabetingende-skader/avlingssvikt/prognose-t%C3%B8rkesommer>.  On 16 July 2018, the farmer organisations sent a letter to the Norwegian Food Safety Authority asking for stricter rules concerning imports of feed.  On 19 July 2018, the farmer organisations asked for a crisis meeting with the Minister of Agriculture. The meeting was held on 23 July.  On 25 July 2018, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food sent a letter to the Norwegian Food Safety Authority requesting the Authority consider introducing similar requirements for storage of imported hay and straw as found in a neighbouring EU country.  Based on the risk assessments from the Norwegian Veterinary Institute, the Norwegian authorities concluded that it is necessary to introduce additional requirements for imported hay and straw from third countries in order to protect animal health in Norway. The Norwegian Food Safety Authority sent a draft regulation to the Ministry for adoption on 17 August 2018.  The Ministry of Agriculture and Food decided that the draft regulation instead had to be sent for public consultation because of national rules, and a revised draft was sent to the Ministry on 31 August for clearance. Clearance came from the Ministry on 18 September, after a delay caused by a reshuffling of the cabinet that included the Minister of Agriculture and Food.  On 19 September 2018, the draft regulation was sent for a two-week public consultation in Norway, instead of the normal three-month consultation. The deadline for comments was 4 October 2018. The Norwegian Food Safety Authority sent the revised draft to the Ministry for adoption on 9 October 2018. |
| **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)*:**  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **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 October 2018  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
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