NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) |
| **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):** Poultry meat, eggs and their products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****] All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Belgium |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Notice of Administration Order of Saudi Food and Drug Authority Ref. No. 14534 dated 5 December 2023 entitled "Temporary ban on importation of poultry meat, eggs and their products originating from West-Vlaanderen in Belgium". **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 1  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SAU/23\_14253\_00\_x.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SAU/23_14253_00_x.pdf" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Following the WOAH report dated 5 December 2023, a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus outbreak has occurred in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. In compliance with the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 10.4, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of the HPAI virus into the country. Therefore, the import of poultry meat, eggs and their products from West-Vlaanderen, Belgium to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended (with the exception of processed poultry meat and egg products exposed to either heat or other treatments that ensure deactivation of the HPAI virus, as long as it conforms with the approved health requirements, and standards, with a health certificate issued by the official bodies in Belgium to prove that the product is free from the virus). |
| **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:** An outbreak of the HPAI virus has been reported in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, by official announcement of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH). The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is instituting this emergency measure to prevent the introduction of the HPAI virus into the country. |
| **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)*:**  Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 10.4  **[****] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****] 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):** 5 December 2023  **[****] 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:**  Saudi Food and Drug Authority - Food Sector  Contact person: Mohammed AL Huthiel  SFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148  Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext: 3313  E-mail: [spsep.food@sfda.gov.sa](mailto:spsep.food@sfda.gov.sa)  Website: <http://www.sfda.gov.sa> |
| **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:**  Saudi Food and Drug Authority - Food Sector  Contact person: Mohammed AL Huthiel  SFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148  Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext: 3313  E-mail: [spsep.food@sfda.gov.sa](mailto:spsep.food@sfda.gov.sa)  Website: <http://www.sfda.gov.sa> |