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):** Meat and meat products of bovine and sheep |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****] All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Switzerland; United Kingdom |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Notice of administrative order of Saudi Food and Drug Authority Ref. No. 16692 dated 27 December 2023 entitled "Lifting of the temporary ban on the importation of meat and meat products of bovine and sheep originating from the United Kingdom and Switzerland". **Language(s):** Arabic. **Number of pages:** 1[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/SAU/24\_00130\_00\_x.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/SAU/24_00130_00_x.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Lifting of the temporary ban on the importation of meat and meat products of bovine and sheep originating from the United Kingdom and Switzerland to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. |
| **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:** Referring to the administrative order of Saudi Food and Drug Authority No. 16692, after reviewing the health situation outcome which indicates that Switzerland is free from Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and Scrapie, and the United Kingdom is free from Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), and based on WOAH recommendation in chapter 11.4 about Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), and chapter 14.8 about Scrapie, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has decided to lift the temporary ban from the importation of meat and meat products of bovine and sheep originating from the United Kingdom and Switzerland. |
| **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, Chapters 11.4 and 14.8**[****] 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):** 27 December 2033**[****] 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 SectorContact person: Mohammed AL HuthielSFDA - 4904 North Ring branch rd- Hitteen Dist Unit Number (1) - Riyadh 13513 - 7148Tel: +(966 11) 203 8222, Ext.: 3313E-mail: spsep.food@sfda.gov.saWebsite: <http://www.sfda.gov.sa> |
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