NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Thailand**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Livestock Development (DLD). |
| **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 and poultry carcasses (HS Code(s): 0105, 0207,0407,0408,0505). |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** South Africa |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** The DLD order on temporary suspension of importation of live poultry and poultry carcasses from South Africa to prevent the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (subtype H5N8). **Language(s):** Thai. **Number of pages:** 1<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/THA/19_7364_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** According to the announcement of the Government Gazette dated 15 July 2019, the suspension for importation of live poultry and poultry carcasses from South Africa has expired on 13 October 2019. However, the OIE has reported a continued outbreak of Avian Influenza (AI) in South Africa. Therefore, it is necessary for Thailand to prevent the entry of AI disease into the country. By the virtue of Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558, the importation of live poultry and poultry carcasses from South Africa is temporarily suspended for a period of 90 days after date of publication in the Thai Royal Gazette (25 November 2019). |
| **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:** This emergency measure is to protect the domestic livestock industry. |
| **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)*:** This emergency measure is to protect the domestic livestock industry.**[ ]** **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:** The Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558.  |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):**    For a period of 90 days after being notified in the Thai Royal Gazette (26 November 2019 - 23 February 2020).**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
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