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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Turkey**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry / General Directorate of Food and Control |
| **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):** Bovine Semen; HS Code 05.11.10 |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X]** **All trading partners** All trading partners except the EU member countries**[ ]****Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Amendment of "Veterinary Health Certificate for Import of Semen of Domestic Animals of the Bovine Species to the Republic of Turkey from Countries Except Member States of the European Union".**Language(s):** Turkish and English. **Number of pages:** 5<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/TUR/19_4419_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The purpose of the amendment of the veterinary health certificate above mentioned is as following:* Update of model certificate being used for import of bovine semen to Turkey for harmonisation of import requirements of bovine semen with that of the European Union (EU) identified in the scope of Commission Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU with some minor differences.
* Revision on EHD testing requirements.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [****X]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [****X]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **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)*:** OIE Terrestrial Manual Chapter 1.3.7**[ ]****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:** The Updated draft veterinary health certificate is in line with OIE Terrestrial Manual Chapter 1.3.7 in terms of EHD testing requirements. On the other hand, draft certificate has been prepared taking into account European Commission Implementing Decision 2011/630/ EU with some minor differences. |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Veterinary, Phytosanitary, Food and Feed Law No: 5996 (G/SPS/N/TUR/9) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 10 October 2019**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 October 2019 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 October 2019**[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 13 October 2019**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 Agriculture and ForestryGeneral Directorate of Food and ControlEskisehir Yolu 9. Km. Lodumlu Ankara - TurkeyTel: +(90) 312 258 7758Fax:+(90) 312 258 7760E-mail: sps@tarimorman.gov.trWebsite: <http://www.tarimorman.gov.tr> |
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