NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 21 December 2020, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Turkey.

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| Regulation on the Determination of Animal Health Rules for the Importation and Transit of Certain Live Ungulate Animals |
| The "Regulation on the Determination of Animal Health Rules for the Importation and Transit of Certain Live Ungulate Animals" published in the Official Gazette dated 20 September 2015 and numbered 29481 has been notified to the WTO as G/SPS/N/TUR/58.  The first paragraph of Article 4 of the Regulation, titled as "Animal Health Rules for the Import of Certain Live Ungulate Animals", regarding the establishment of the list of authorized countries, states that "import and transit live ungulate animals are permitted only from the countries included in the lists prepared by the Ministry".  On the other hand, in Article 13 of the same Regulation, it was stated that: a) the first paragraph of Article 4 shall come into force three years after the date of its publication; and b)other provisions shall come into force on the date of publication.  In line with the requests made by the exporter countries that there will be difficulties in the implementation of the foreseen changes and in the determination of the list of authorized countries for import, the effective date of the relevant article has been extended for two years with the "Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on the Determination of Animal Health Rules for the Importation and Transit of Certain Live Ungulate Animals", which was published in the Official Gazette dated 7 May 2019 and numbered 30767.  However, due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the process of determination of the list of authorized countries for import could not be completed. In this context, the effective date of the mentioned article of the regulation has been extended for two more years with the "Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on the Determination of Animal Health Rules Regarding the Importation and Transit of Certain Live Ungulate Animals and Transit Pass" dated 25 November 2020 and numbered 31315.  The amendment includes the following changes in the "Regulation on the Determination of Animal Health Rules for the Importation and Transit of Certain Live Ungulate Animals" dated 20 September 2015 and numbered 29481.  The phrase "five" in the clause (a) of the first paragraph of Article 13 of the Regulation has been changed as "seven".  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/TUR/20_7848_00_x.pdf> |
| **This addendum concerns a:** |
| [ ] Modification of final date for comments |
| [ ] Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation |
| [ ] Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation |
| [ ] Withdrawal of proposed regulation |
| [ ] Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force |
| [**X**] Other: Amendment of the effective date of Article 13 of the notified Regulation. |
| **Comment period: *(If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)*** |
| [**X**] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: 19 February 2021 |
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