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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SINGAPORE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Primary Production Department, Ministry of National Development
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Horses for racing, polo and equestrian
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Animals and Birds (Importation) Order as amended by the Animals and Birds (Importation) (Amendment) Order 1999
5.	Description of content: The document covers the revised veterinary requirements for the importation of horses into Singapore. These are: requiring horses from all countries approved for import of horses into Singapore to be imported with an import licence, each horse imported to have an equine passport or equivalent, additional certification/test for freedom from Hendra, Hendra-like (Nipah) virus infection, African Horse Sickness and post-import quarantine of at least two weeks for all imported horses.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): Recent reports of Hendra virus infections affecting horses which is transmissible to humans, Hendra-like (Nipah) virus infections affecting humans and horses, and African Horse Sickness affecting horses. Singapore is free from Hendra virus infection, Hendra-like (Nipah) virus infection and African Horse Sickness disease. The revised requirements are required to prevent the introduction of such diseases through the import of horses into Singapore.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 1 June 1999

- 11. Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:**
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