

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| 1. | Member to Agreement notifying: <u>KENYA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Department of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development, Kenya |
| 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): Domestic and wild birds, hatching eggs and meat and meat products of domestic and wild birds including products intended for animal feed and for agricultural and industrial use |
| 4. | Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Pakistan |
| 5. | Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Prohibition of Import of Domestic and Wild Birds, Hatching Eggs and Meat and Meat Products of Domestic and Wild Birds |
| 6. | Description of content: The Department of Veterinary Services, with immediate effect prohibits imports of domestic and wild birds, hatching eggs and meat and meat products of domestic and wild birds including products intended for animal feed and for agricultural and industrial use from Pakistan. Cooked meat products of domestic and wild birds shall be imported subject to additional attestation as per Article 2.1.15.17 of OIE International Animal Health Code 2000. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests |
| 8. | Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Highly pathogenic Avian Influenza has been reported in the states of Karachi, Sindh of Pakistan on 28 January 2004. To minimize the risk of introducing HPAI virus into Kenya, the Department of Veterinary Services Kenya prohibits imports of domestic and wild birds, hatching eggs and meat and meat products of domestic and wild birds including products intended for animal feed and for agricultural and industrial use, from the Pakistan with immediate effect. Reports on Avian Influenza occurrences in the State of Karachi, Sindh in Pakistan has also prompted the Department to prohibit imports of the above commodities from Pakistan with immediate effect. The above import restrictions will be reviewed based on health status and information on disease control measures provided by relevant authorities. |

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| <p>9. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p> |
| <p>10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English</p> |
| <p>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): Immediate</p> |
| <p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> |
| <p>13. Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"> Department of Veterinary Services Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development Veterinary Laboratories Private Bag, Kabete 00625 Kangemi Nairobi Tel: 254-2-631273 Fax: 254-2-631273 Email: cvfovetlabs@kenyaweb.com </p> |