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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	**Notifying Member:** KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
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):** Poultry meat, eggs and their products
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[ ] All trading partners** **[X] Specific regions or countries:** State of Tennessee, United States of America
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Notice of Executive Order of Saudi Food and Drug Authority Ref. No. 25306 dated 14 March 2017 (15/06/1438 AH) entitled "Temporary ban of importation of poultry meat, eggs and their products" originated from the state of Tennessee, United States of America. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:**
6.	**Description of content:** Following the OIE reports, Ref. No. 23139 dated 6 March 2017, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus (HPAI) outbreaks have occurred in the state of Tennessee, United States. In compliance with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 10.4, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of HPAI into the country. Therefore, the import of poultry meat, eggs and their products (with the exception of processed poultry meat and egg products exposed to either heat or other treatments that ensure deactivation of avian influenza viruses) from the state of Tennessee, United States to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended.
7.	**Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] 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:** Outbreaks of HPAI have been reported in the state of Tennessee, United States, by official announcement of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is instituting this emergency measure to prevent the introduction of HPAI into the country.
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)*:** Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 10.4 **[ ] 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:**
11.	**Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 14 March 2017 (15/06/1438 AH) **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**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:** Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA - 3292 North Ring road Al Nafel Area Unit (1) - Riyadh 13312 – 6288 Tel: +(966 11) 275 9222, ext. 3331 Fax: +(966 11) 210 9825 E-mail: SPSEP.Food@sfda.gov.sa Website: http://www.sfda.gov.sa/
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