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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture
<b>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):</b> Goods subject to veterinary or phytosanitary inspection.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Temporary Alternative Arrangements of the Presentation of Original Veterinary and Phytosanitary Certificates in the Condition of COVID-19 Pandemic. <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/TPKM/20_2725_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/TPKM/20_2725_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Temporary alternative arrangements to the presentation of original veterinary or phytosanitary certificates due to movement impact of airfreight and courier mail as a result of COVID-19 pandemic are as follows: 1. Imports of goods, subject to veterinary or phytosanitary inspection are allowed with a copy of original veterinary or phytosanitary certificate with import consignments in line with the following alternative guarantee options: a) A scanned copy of the veterinary or phytosanitary certificate shall be emailed/faxed to the Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ) branch office in advance from the exporting country's central competent authority or representative office in the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, or our representative offices in the exporting country. b) If the exporting country's certificate features a quick response code (QR Code) or an official website which provides complete details of the cargo or electronic copy of certificate, it can be exempted from the prior delivery of the scanned certificate to BAPHIQ, as mentioned above. 2. The importers shall pledge to submit the original veterinary or phytosanitary certificate in a timely manner to temporarily fulfill the quarantine requirements. Once the original certificate is submitted to BAPHIQ, the import case is closed. 3. These arrangements will be in place until 30 June 2020. BAPHIQ will subsequently assess and adjust the arrangements according to the implementation situation and the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 31 March 2020</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 31 March 2020</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture 9F, No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 10070, Taiwan Tel: +(886) 233 432 091 Fax: +(886) 223 322 200 E-mail: <a href="mailto:wtopps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw">wtopps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw</a></p>
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