NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Thailand**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Livestock Development (DLD) |
| **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):** Live poultry and poultry carcasses (HS Code(s): 0105, 0207,0407,0408) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** China |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** The DLD order on temporary suspension of importation of live poultry and poultry carcasses from China to prevent the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Serotype H5N1 and H5N6). **Language(s):** Thai. **Number of pages:** 1<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_1338_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** According to the announcement of the Government Gazette dated 4September 2019, the suspension for importation of live poultry and poultry carcasses from China has expired on 3 December 2019. However, the OIE has reported a continued outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Liaoning province (Serotype H5N1) and Xinjiang province (Serotype H5N6) in the China.Therefore, it is necessary for Thailand to prevent the entry of AI disease into the country. By the virtue of Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the importation of live poultry and poultry carcasses from China is temporarily suspended for a period of 90 days after date of publication in the Thai Royal Gazette (24 December 2019) except the feathers and down of poultry that have been processed in the approved establishment by the DLD and these commoditiesthat have been processed to ensure the destruction of avian influenza virus recommended by OIE terrestrial Animal Health code topics 10.4.22 and 10.4.23 which use one of the following methods:* washed and steam-dried at 100ºC for 30 minutes;
* fumigation with formalin (10% formaldehyde) for 8 hours;
* irradiation with a dose of 20 kilogray.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [****X] 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:** This emergency measure is to protect the domestic livestock industry. |
| **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)*:**Chapter 10.4 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code**[ ]** **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:** The Animal Epidemics Act B.E. 2558 (2015), Article 6 and 33.  |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 25 December 2019 (For a period of 90 days after being notified in the Thai Royal Gazette: 25 December 2019 – 23 March 2020).**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
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