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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
3.	<b>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> Poultry meat, eggs, and their products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Poland
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Notice of Administration Order of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority Ref. No. 28634/1 dated 28 December 2025 entitled "Temporary ban on importation of poultry meat, eggs, and their products originating from Małopolskie in Poland". <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/SAU/25_09261_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/SAU/25_09261_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Following the WOAHA report dated 23 December 2025, a Newcastle virus outbreak has occurred in Małopolskie in Poland. In compliance with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 10.9, it is deemed necessary for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to prevent the entry of the Newcastle virus into the country. Therefore, the import of poultry meat, eggs and their products from Małopolskie in Poland to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is temporarily suspended (except for processed poultry meat and egg products exposed to either heat or other treatments that ensure deactivation of the Newcastle virus, as long as it conforms with the approved health requirements, and standards, with a health certificate issued by the official bodies in Poland prove that the product is free from the virus).
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" 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.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> An outbreak of Newcastle disease virus has been reported in Małopolskie, Poland, by an official announcement from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is instituting this emergency measure to prevent the introduction of the Newcastle virus into the country.
9.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 10.9

<p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" 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>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 28 December 2025</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Saudi Food &amp; Drug Authority - Food Sector Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Riyadh - 4904-Northern Ring Road Riyadh- Hittin P.O.Box: 13513 - 7148 Riyadh Tel: +966 11 203 8222 Ext: 3218 E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsep.food@sFDA.gov.sa">spsep.food@sFDA.gov.sa</a> Website: <a href="http://www.sFDA.gov.sa">http://www.sFDA.gov.sa</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Saudi Food &amp; Drug Authority - Food Sector Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Riyadh - 4904-Northern Ring Road Riyadh- Hittin P.O.Box: 13513 - 7148 Riyadh Tel: +966 11 203 8222 Ext: 3218 E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsep.food@sFDA.gov.sa">spsep.food@sFDA.gov.sa</a> Website: <a href="http://www.sFDA.gov.sa">http://www.sFDA.gov.sa</a></p>