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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture
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): Dog and cat food
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: The draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dog and Cat Food" in relation to Article 17 (Annex 15-1) of the "Regulations for the Importation of Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine". Language(s): English. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/TPKM/23_10382_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The amendment aims to reduce the scopes of the dog and cat food subject to animal quarantine by excluding the items below. The amended texts of the draft amendment quarantine requirements are marked in red and blue. Items excluded are as follows: 1. Dog and cat food containing ingredients derived from bovine and manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure; 2. Dry dog and cat food manufactured by the high-temperature extrusion procedure and in the original manufacturer's packaging; 3. The form of the dog and cat food being capsule or tablet and in the original manufacturer's packaging.
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.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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): Chapters 8.8, 10.4, 10.9, 11.4, 11.5, 14.7, 15.1 and 15.2 of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The draft amendment of the "Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dog and Cat Food" in relation to Article 17 (Annex 15-1) of the "Regulations for the Importation of Objects Subject to Animal Quarantine" (Council of Agriculture Announcement, Nong Fang Zi No. 1121482282 dated 12 June 2023) can be found at: https://www.baphiq.gov.tw/theme_data.php?theme=news&sub_theme=message&id=20476 (available in Chinese)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 11 August 2023 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 August 2023 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: Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture 9F, No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 100060, Taiwan Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091 Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200 E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw</p>
<p>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: Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture 9F, No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 100060, Taiwan Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091 Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200 E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw</p>

Attachment 15-1: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Dog
and Cat Food
(Draft amendments)

(In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese text and the English translation thereof, the Chinese text shall govern.)

Promulgated on March 29, 2022

Amended by Council of Agriculture on (to be confirmed)

1. The quarantine requirements regulate the importation of dog and cat food indicating products containing ingredients derived from Artiodactyla animals or Aves animals and categorizing as the following goods of the Commodity Classification Code (CCC Code) of the Republic of China:

(1) 2309.10.00.00-2 "Dog or cat food, for retail sale"

(2) 4205.00.90.10-4 "Pet chews, manufactured by animal origin rawhide"

Dog and cat food that comply with one of the following criteria shall be exempted:

(1) Non-meat products; ~~Products containing ingredients derived from animals other than Artiodactyla animals or Aves animals;~~

(2) ~~Products containing no ingredients derived from bovine and~~ manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure;

(3) Dry food manufactured by the high-temperature extrusion procedure and in the original manufacturer's packaging;

(4) The forms of the products being capsule or tablet and in the original manufacturer's packaging.

Meat products mentioned in the Subparagraph 1 of Paragraph 2 refers to products manufactured from the raw materials derived from the carcasses and viscera of Artiodactyla animals or Aves animals.

The requirements do not apply to the exporting countries (zones) where there is a bilateral agreement between the exporting and importing countries.

2. Terms used in the quarantine requirements are defined as follows:

(1) The countries (zones) free and not free from designated infectious animal diseases and with reported case(s) of Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE):

The free countries (zones) refers to the ones that have been recognized by the central competent authority as being free from foot and mouth disease (FMD), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP), African swine fever (ASF), classical swine fever (CSF), peste des petits ruminants (PPR), highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and Newcastle disease (ND), or countries (zones) with reported case(s) of BSE recognized by the central competent authority pursuant to Paragraph 1, Article 33 of the "Statute for Prevention and Control of

Infectious Animal Disease"; except for above-mentioned countries (zones), other countries (zones) are deemed as not being free.

- (2) Ingredients of Artiodactyla animals: The raw materials of the dog and cat food are derived from cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, deer and other animals susceptible to infectious animal diseases listed in the Subparagraph 1 of Article 2 as specified by the central competent authority.
- (3) Ingredients of Aves animals: The raw materials of the dog and cat food are derived from chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and other animals as specified by the central competent authority.

~~The animal ingredients mentioned in the Subparagraphs 2 and 3 of Article 2 exclude gelatin, by-products of gelatin, collagen, chondroitin, glucosamine, dicalcium phosphate, dairy products, animal grease, extracts, hydrolysates, concentrates, flavors, lecithin derived from poultry egg, and flavors derived from animals excluding bovine.~~

3. The manufacturing plants of dog and cat food shall be approved by the competent authority of the exporting country as the plants that produce dog and cat food, and the dog and cat food shall be packed and shipped in clean and brand new containers. For the importation of dog and cat food that comply with one of the following conditions, the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country shall provide relevant information to the import/export animal quarantine authority for reviewing or assuring that official control systems and measures of supervision of the exporting country possess the required equivalency:

- (1) ~~The dog and cat food containing ingredients of Artiodactyla animals and Aves animals are imported from countries (zones) not recognized as being free from FMD, CBPP, ASF, CSE, PPR, HPAI or ND without being manufactured by a high-temperature sterilization canning procedure.~~
- (2) The dog and cat food imported from countries (zones) with reported case(s) of BSE or BSE-risk status recognized by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) as being controlled or undetermined based on the latest information of the WOAH website.

The relevant information as specified in the Paragraph 2 of Article 3 includes the following contents:

- (1) The questionnaire shall be delivered by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country filled out by the manufacturing plant(s) of dog and cat food;
- (2) The relevant information regarding dog and cat food hygiene management system, measures of supervision of the competent authority of the exporting country and application for system approval shall be provided.

For the review of the Paragraph 2 of Article 3, the import/export animal quarantine authority may dispatch inspectors to conduct on-site inspection audits and regular on-site re-inspection. If the exporting country does not accept the inspection, or any

non-compliance with the quarantine requirements is found during the audit, the import/export animal quarantine authority may suspend importation of dog and cat food from the exporting country or from the designated establishments concerned. The expenses shall be shouldered by the exporting country, according to relevant regulations. For exporting country which has signed bilateral or multilateral agreement with the importing country, the expenses should be shouldered according to the agreement.

4. Each consignment of the dog and cat food ~~containing ingredients derived from cattle manufactured by a high temperature sterilization canning procedure, or containing ingredients derived from Artiodactyla animals~~ imported from countries (zones) recognized as being free from FMD, CBPP, ASF, CSF, ~~or~~ PPR, HPAI and ND; ~~or containing ingredients derived from Aves animals imported from countries (zones) recognized as being free from HPAI and ND~~ shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:
 - (1) Names and addresses of the importer and exporter;
 - (2) Names and addresses of the manufacturing plants and statements noting that they comply with the Paragraph 1 of Article 3.
 - (3) Names, amount of packages, weights and manufacturing dates of the dog and cat food;
 - (4) Animal species for the raw materials of animal origin in the dog and cat food.
 - (5) Effective measures were taken to prevent the dog and cat food from being contaminated by pathogens of BSE and other infectious animal diseases in raw materials throughout the manufacturing and packing process.
 - (6) Date, place, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and printed name and signature of the issuing veterinary officer.
5. The dog and cat food ~~containing ingredients derived from Artiodactyla animals~~ imported from countries (zones) not recognized as being free from FMD, CBPP, ASF, CSF, ~~or~~ PPR, HPAI or ND; ~~or containing ingredients derived from Aves animals imported from countries (zones) not recognized as being free from HPAI or ND~~ shall comply with the following processes:
 - (1) The dog and cat food ~~containing ingredients derived from Artiodactyla animals or Aves animals~~ shall be heat-treated to reach a core temperature of 70°C for at least 30 minutes, 80°C for at least 9 minutes or 100 °C for at least 1 minute during the processing procedures;
 - (2) Other heat-treatments that achieve equivalent efficacy of inactivating viruses with treatments indicated in preceding Paragraph recognized by the import/export animal quarantine authority.

Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall

state the following information in English or Chinese:

- (1) Names and addresses of the importer and exporter.
 - (2) Names, addresses of the manufacturing plants and statements noting that they comply with the Paragraph 1 of Article 3.
 - (3) Names, amount of packages, weights and manufacturing dates of the dog and cat food.
 - (4) Animal species for the raw materials of animal origin in the dog and cat food.
 - (5) The process complying with preceding Paragraph.
 - (6) Effective measures were taken to prevent the dog and cat food from being contaminated by pathogens of BSE and other infectious animal diseases in raw materials throughout the manufacturing and packing process
 - (7) Date, place, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and printed name and signature of the issuing veterinary officer.
6. The dog and cat food produced by skin of Artiodactyla animals and Aves animals with the processes of depilation, destearination, drying and cleaning are made for chewing without blood clots and other ingredients of animal origins (hereinafter referred to as “pet chew”) are not applicable for Article 3, Article 4 and the Paragraph 2 of Article 5:
- Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:
- (1) Names and addresses of the importer and exporter.
 - (2) Names and addresses of the manufacturing plants.
 - (3) Names, amount of packages, weights and manufacturing dates of the pet chews.
 - (4) Statements attesting that the consignment fulfill the requirements mentioned in the Paragraph 1 of Article 6; meanwhile, the heat-treatments mentioned in the Paragraph 1 of Article 5 shall be stated when the exporting country are not recognized as being free from indicated animal diseases.
 - (5) Effective measures were taken to prevent the pet chew from being contaminated by pathogens of BSE and other infectious animal diseases in raw materials throughout the manufacturing and packing process.
 - (6) Date, place, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and printed name and signature of the issuing veterinary officer.
7. The consignment required to be transshipped through third countries (zones) shall comply with the “Regulations of Import Quarantine Operation for Animal Products Transported by Closed Container”.