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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 13 June 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Singapore.

Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats for Countries/Regions under Schedule I;
Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats for Countries/Regions under Schedule II;
Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats for Countries/Regions under Schedule III;
Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Assistance Dogs for Countries/Regions under Schedule I to III

The National Parks Board/Animal and Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) had earlier reviewed the veterinary conditions for the importation of dogs/cats, and notified the WTO of the draft revisions via G/SPS/N/SGP/83. Following feedback received during the sixty days comment period, the following trade-facilitating improvements have been added to the draft revisions:

1. Retained the current 7-day validity period of the pre-export veterinary health certificate;
2. Amended the requirement for pre-export examination of the dog/cat to be within 7 days of export, instead of only the day prior to or on the day of export;
3. Revised the required waiting time between rabies serology sampling and the date of export for Schedule III countries from 180 days to not less than 90 days, to align with WOAHP Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 8.15 Infection with rabies virus.

The finalized Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats for Countries/Regions under Schedule I to III will be adopted on 1 July 2024. There will be a 6-month adaptation period from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 to allow the industry more time to adjust to the revised conditions – during this period, imports based on the previous conditions will still be allowed.

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other:

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

- Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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The finalised veterinary conditions are available at the following website:

<https://www.nparks.gov.sg/avs/pets/bringing-animals-into-singapore-and-exporting/bringing-in-and-transshipping-dogs-and-cats/preparing-to-bring-dogs-and-cats-into-singapore>

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