

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SINGAPORE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore
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> All live birds, poultry and poultry products (heat-processed and canned poultry products are excluded).
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries.
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Suspension on import of birds, poultry and poultry products from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) affected countries.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The import of birds, poultry and poultry products from all HPAI affected countries to be suspended with immediate effect to prevent the introduction of the HPAI virus into Singapore.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ X ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Due to the recent outbreak of HPAI in the countries of Southeast Asia and East Asia, Singapore has suspended the import of birds, poultry and poultry products from the affected countries to safeguard animal health and to protect human health (due to the zoonotic nature of H5N1).
9.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> [ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [ X ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [ ] International Plant Protection Convention, [ ] None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>  International Animal Health Code Chapter 2.1.14
10.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Available in English.
11.	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> Immediate

**12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:** [ ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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