NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** SINGAPORE**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Parks Board/Animal and Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) |
| **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):** Dogs and cats (HS code: 01061900) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X]** **All trading partners** **[****]** **Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** 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.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 11, 12, 9 and 17, respectively[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23\_8803\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_00_e.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_01_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_02_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_03_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The veterinary conditions for the importation of dogs/cats for countries/regions have been reviewed to:* align with WOAH's Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) Chapter 8.14 Infection with rabies virus;
* re-categorise countries in the current Categories A/B/C/D to Schedules I/II/III based on assessment of the country's rabies risk;
* update the requirements for import and post-arrival quarantine for Schedule II countries (the current Categories B and C);
* include a new definition of "commercial" imports and implementation of ten days post‑arrival quarantine for commercial imports from Schedule II countries;
* revise the waiting time from date of rabies vaccination to date of import for Schedules II and III imports;
* revise the waiting time from date of rabies vaccination to date of rabies serology test.

A summary of the revisions is in ANNEX (see Item 9). |
| **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.** | **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)*:** Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 8.14 Infection with rabies virus**[****]** **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:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** A summary of the revisions is in ANNEX:<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/SGP/23_8803_04_e.pdf>(available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 2nd quarter 2023.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 2nd quarter 2023. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** **[****]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 10 June 2023**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** Animal and Veterinary ServiceNational Parks BoardAttn: Animal and Veterinary Programme Office, Professional and Scientific Services Division52 Jurong Gateway Road, #09-01Singapore 608550SingaporeE-mail: Tay\_Rijin@nparks.gov.sg Grace\_Yam@nparks.gov.sg |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** The veterinary conditions are attached to this notification. For any further queries, please contact:Animal and Veterinary ServiceNational Parks BoardAttn: Animal and Veterinary Programme Office, Professional and Scientific Services Division52 Jurong Gateway Road, #09-01Singapore 608550SingaporeE-mail: Tay\_Rijin@nparks.gov.sg Grace\_Yam@nparks.gov.sg |