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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): Live crustaceans and molluscs
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 amendment of Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Live Crustaceans and Molluscs Language(s): English and Chinese Number of pages: 8 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CHT/14_3086_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Requirements cover animal health control and regulate the importation of live crustaceans and molluscs. These requirements have been implemented since 1 st September 2011. Acute hepatopancreatic necrosis syndrome (AHPNS) is a new emerging disease in shrimp, first reported in 2009, and caused high mortalities of shrimp in some Asian countries. In order to control and prevent AHPNS from introduction, AHPNS has been designated as quarantine inspection disease of the three susceptible species listed in table 1 of the Requirements (<i>Litopenaeus vannamei</i> , <i>Penaeus monodon</i> and <i>Penaeus chinensis</i>). Excluding table 1 of the Requirements, the other part of the Requirements remains unchanged.
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) OIE Technical Disease Card <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: http://www.baphiq.gov.tw/newsview.php?typeid=1055&typeid2=&news_id=9735 (available in Chinese)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 31 July 2014 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 31 July 2014
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 31 July 2014 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 18 July 2014 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	Texts available from: <input 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, 10070 Taiwan (R.O.C) Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091 Fax: +(886) 2 2332 2200 E-mail: wtosps@mail.baphiq.gov.tw