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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 10 January 2017, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Singapore.

Revision of the Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats

The Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats were notified through notification G/SPS/N/SGP/37 dated 21 April 2009. Of these notified sets of veterinary conditions, the Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats for Countries under Category A (Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland)) have been updated to explicitly state the recommended age for the initial vaccination (i.e., six weeks of age and above). This is to ensure that the dogs and cats can mobilise a sufficient antibody response prior to entry to Singapore, and that the vaccinations are administered according to manufacturer's recommendations. This clarification is in line with WSAVA (World Small Animal Veterinary Association) Vaccination Guidelines, and will ensure that the objective of the vaccination requirement is met.

The clarification on the Veterinary Conditions (VC) for the Importation of Dogs/Cats for Countries under Category A are as follows:

Section of IV(a)(v) of the VC:

"In the case of a dog under sixteen weeks of age, the dog was vaccinated according to manufacturer's recommendations against Canine Distemper, Canine Hepatitis and Canine Parvoviral infection with at least two vaccinations, four weeks apart, with the first vaccination administered at no earlier than six weeks of age, and the second vaccination must be given at least two weeks prior to export."

Section IV(a)(vi) of the VC:

"In the case of a cat under sixteen weeks of age, the cat was vaccinated according to manufacturer's recommendations against Cat Flu (Feline calicivirus and Feline viral rhinotracheitis) and Cat enteritis (i.e., Feline Panleukopaenia/Feline Infectious Enteritis) with at least two vaccinations, three weeks apart, with the first vaccination administered at no earlier than six weeks of age, and the second vaccination must be given at least two weeks prior to export."

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: Clarification of existing veterinary condition.

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): 13 March 2017. The draft amended Veterinary Conditions for the Importation of Dogs/Cats for Countries under Category A (Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland)) can be found at <http://www.ava.gov.sg/newsroom>.

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