NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Thailand  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** - |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  - |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Domesticated elephants (Elephas maximus) (ICS Code:65.020); Farming and forestry (ICS 65.020) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Thai Agricultural Standard entitled "Good Animal Practices for Elephant Facility" (9 page(s), in Thai) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This standard provides requirements of good animal practices for elephant facilities/camps where a place used for raising or gathering elephants for business purposes. It covers components of elephant camps and management of the facilities/camps, personnel, elephant health and welfare, environment, safety and record keeping. The aims are to promote elephants' good health taking into consideration animal welfare and environment while maintaining personnel's health, safety and welfare, and ensuring visitors' safety.  This Thai Agricultural Standard is applied only to the elephant facilities/camps that raise or gather domesticated elephants of *Elephas maximus* and it does not cover home own raising with no elephant-related business in tourism or shows and raising for labour purposes. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   1. The Agricultural Standards Act B.E. 2551 (2008) 2. The Cruelty Prevention and Welfare of Animal Act B.E. 2557 (2014) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** The day following date of its publication in the official Gazette |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900 Thailand Tel: +(662) 561 4204 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 E-mail: [spsthailand@gmail.com](mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com); [oie123acfs@gmail.com](mailto:oie123acfs@gmail.com) |