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**Addendum**

**Written Answers to Questions**

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Macau, responding to questions raised by the representative of Canada during the Council meeting on the Trade Policy Review of Macau.

**Standards governing food imports**

Macau's current legislation, or legislative proposals, in the area of food standards cover, in general, the international standard requirements where these are applicable.

The Inspection and Sanitation Department of Leal Senado (Macau Municipality), which oversees food hygiene, made the following legislative proposals:

1. In respect of the draft Decree-Law that will replace DL50/80/M in respect of Foreign Trade operations, Leal Senado made various contributions, namely the inclusion of new products in Annex B, Group G (already listed in the *Nomenclature of Brussels*), as follows:

Caption III - Fish, crustacean, shellfish and other aquatic invertebrates;

Caption IV - Milk, dairy products, poultry eggs, natural honey, etc.;

Caption V - Other non-specified products from animal origin;

Caption XVI - Preparation of meat, fish or crustacean.

2. The expansion of these controls, in conjunction with those already being carried out, should be included in, and implemented through, technical regulations as follows:
  - 2.1 Requirements applicable to importers of new products;
  - 2.2 Regulations governing inspection of meat, meat products and imported meat-derivatives (frozen products);
  - 2.3 Regulations governing sanitation of fresh meat, meat products, by-products and remains;
  - 2.4 Regulations governing hygiene/sanitation inspection and monitoring of fish;
  - 2.5 Technical specifications governing the evaluation of hygiene and sanitation conditions of perishable goods:
    - microbiologic standards for fresh meat, poultry, processed products and fish;
    - listing of products by class and application criteria.
3. A draft Code of Municipal Regulations is currently being prepared which, among others, include rules governing meat imports.
4. Inspection rules in respect of sanitation conditions of fresh meat, its derivatives and by-products which are not expressly included in the draft Code of Regulations, are covered by draft diplomas already approved by Leal Senado:
  - Draft decree-law on distribution of frozen products;
  - Regulations on hygiene conditions for selling meat and meat products;
  - Regulations on hygiene conditions to be observed during preparation, packaging, transportation and conservation and selling of pre-packaged meat;
  - Regulations on hygiene conditions for transport and distribution of meat and meat products.