

**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>COLOMBIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario, ICA (Colombian Agricultural Institute)</i>
<b>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):</b> Bovine animals, sheep, goats, swine and other species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) and other products that pose a risk of transmitting the virus.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Ecuador
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> <i>Resolución N° 00938 del 17 de abril de 2006 del Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario "Por la cual se suspende la importación a Colombia de animales y sus productos susceptibles de transmitir o vehiculizar el virus de fiebre aftosa, procedentes de Ecuador, por presencia de un foco de Fiebre aftosa en ese país"</i> (Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA) Resolution No. 00938 of 17 April 2006 suspending the importation into Colombia of animals and animal products from Ecuador capable of transmitting or carrying the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) virus, following an outbreak of the disease in this country) (3 pages, in Spanish).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The notified Resolution provides for the following: the suspension of imports into Colombia from Ecuador of animals susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) and the risk products thereof capable of transmitting or carrying the virus; the suspension of procedures and formalities before the ICA and cancellation of animal health import documents; the return shipment of FMD-susceptible animal species and risk products which are in transit; as well as the notification of the Resolution and its entry into force.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action:</b> According to the <i>Informe Epidemiológico sobre Fiebre Aftosa y Estomatitis Vesicular</i> (Epidemiological report on foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) and vesicular stomatitis) by the <i>Centro Panamericano de Fiebre Aftosa, PANAFTOSA</i> (Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Centre), Week #9, there has been an outbreak of serotype-O FMD in Ecuador on its border with Colombia (0321D, 078N).

9.	<p><b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> As of 19 April 2006, the date of publication in Official Journal No. 46.244.</p>
12.	<p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p><u>National Enquiry Point</u>  Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo  Dirección de Regulación  Calle 28 N° 13A - 15, tercer piso  Tel.: (571) 606-7676, Ext. 1690  Fax: (571) 241-0480</p> <p>or</p> <p><u>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario - ICA</u>  Grupo de Análisis de Riesgos Agropecuarios y Asuntos Internacionales  Calle 37 # 8-43, Oficina 409  Bogotá, D.C., Colombia  Tel.: (571) 285-3485  Fax: (571) 232-4695  Website: <a href="http://www.ica.gov.co">http://www.ica.gov.co</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo  Dirección de Regulación  Calle 28 No.13A - 15, tercer piso  Bogotá, D.C., Colombia</p> <p><u>Enquiry Point:</u>  <u>Contact person:</u> Daniel Héctor Rico R.  E-mail: <a href="mailto:danielrico@mincomercio.gov.co">danielrico@mincomercio.gov.co</a>  Tel.: (571) 606-7676, Ext. 1690  Fax: (571) 241-0480  Website: <a href="http://www.mincomercio.gov.co">http://www.mincomercio.gov.co</a></p>