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Committee on Sanitary and
Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario, ICA (Colombian Agricultural Institute)</i>
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): 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.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Venezuela
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Resolución N° 00984 del 19 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 Venezuela, por presencia de un foco de Fiebre aftosa en ese país"</i> (Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA) Resolution No. 00984 of 19 April 2006 suspending the importation into Colombia of animals and animal products from Venezuela 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).
6. Description of content: The notified Resolution provides for the following: the suspension of imports into Colombia from Venezuela 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.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: According to the official letter from Dr. Angel Farank Antonio Parra, Director of the <i>Servicio Autónomo de Sanidad Agropecuaria, SASA (Autonomous Agricultural Health Service)</i> , State of Táchira, there has been an outbreak of serotype-A FMD in Venezuela on its border with Colombia (latitude 7° 34' 00'', longitude 71° 41' 30'').

9.	<p>International standard, guideline or recommendation: <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>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>
10.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
11.	<p>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): As of 21 April 2006, the date of publication in Official Journal No. 46.246, for six months.</p>
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: http://www.ica.gov.co</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <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: danielrico@mincomercio.gov.co Tel.: (571) 606-7676, Ext. 1690 Fax: (571) 241-0480 Website: http://www.mincomercio.gov.co</p>