

NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Commission of the European Communities. Health & Consumer Protection Directorate-General Directorate E – Food Safety, Plant Health, Animal Health and Welfare, International questions.
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): Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled or frozen (CN 0201 and 0202), Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen (CN 0204), Edible offal of bovine animals fresh, chilled or frozen (CN 0206), Meat of bovine animals and edible meat offal, salted, in brine, dried or smoked; edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal (CN 0210 20), Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof, fresh, chilled frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked (CN 0504), Raw material for the manufacture of animal feedingstuffs (CN 0210.90). Bones and horn-cores, unworked, defatted, simply prepared (but not cut to shape), treated with acid or degelatinised; powder and waste of these products (CN 0506), Fats of bovine animals, sheep or goats, other than those of heading 1503 (CN 1502), Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products (CN 1601), Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood (CN 1602), Flours, meals and pellets, of meat or meat offal, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates, unfit for human consumption; greaves (CN 2301), Gelatine (including gelatine in rectangular (including square) sheets, whether or not surface-worked or coloured) and gelatine derivatives; isinglass; other glues of animal origin, excluding casein glues of heading 3501 (CN 3503).
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Botswana, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Namibia and Swaziland
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: SANCO/1371/2005 <i>Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex XI to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for importation of live bovine animals and products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin</i> (4 pages).
6. Description of content: This proposal removes the countries indicated in § 4 from Annex XI, Part A, point 15(b) second subparagraph, and from Annex XI, Part D, point 3 of <i>Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE)</i> notified in G/SPS/N/EEC/72 (16/03/1999).

<p>Background</p> <p>Third countries exporting to the EC must comply with the TSE related import conditions as defined in Annex XI to Regulation 999/2001 with the exception of the countries listed in point 15 of this annex XI. Regulation 999/2001 provides also for the examination of statistical surveys to confirm or overturn the Geographical BSE Risk (GBR) of trade partners, this assessment is made by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). A consequence of delisting a country from point 15 of Annex XI is that, when exporting to the EC, it must comply with the TSE related import conditions.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests</p>
<p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</p> <p><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: This proposal implements the advice provided by the EFSA. The criteria used by EFSA are in compliance with CHAPTER 2.3.13. of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: European Commission Document SANCO/1371/2005 <i>Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex XI to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for importation of live bovine animals and products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin</i> (Available in all community languages). When adopted it will be published at the Official Journal available at Eur Lex in http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/</p> <p>A consolidated version (until April 2004) of <i>Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies</i> is available in http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/consleg/pdf/2001/en_2001R0999_do_001.pdf</p> <p>The EFSA updated its different opinions GBR certain third countries in February and August 2005. The assessment reports can be downloaded from: http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/tse_assessments/gbr_assessments/catindex_en.html</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: Towards the end of December 2005</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: January 2006</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: Sixty (60) days after the date of notification</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input 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>