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Committee on Sanitary and
Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>GUATEMALA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación</i> (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food)
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): Prohibited products: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Meat and bone meal and their mixtures, of ruminant origin (0506.10.00 and 0506.90.00), (2301.10.00 and 2301.20.90);Brains, spinal cords, eyes and tonsils. Authorized products: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Live animals, bovine animals under 30 months old; (0102.10.00; 1002.90.00)Deboned skeletal muscle meat (separated using manual procedures) from bovine animals under 30 months old; (0201.30.00; 0202.30.00)Boned meat (without spinal cord) from bovine animals under 30 months old; (0201.20.00; 0202.30.00)Blood and blood products from animals that were not subjected to a stunning process prior to slaughter, with a device injecting compressed air or gas into the cranial cavity, or to a pithing process; (1601.00.10; 1602.10.10; 1602.50.00)Milk and dairy products; (04.01; 04.02; 04.03; 04.04; 04.05 and 04.06)Bovine semen (0511.10.00) and embryos;Hides and skins;Gelatin and collagen prepared exclusively from hides and skins;

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): (cont'd)
9.	Protein-free tallow (maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight) and derivatives made from this tallow;
10.	Dicalcium phosphate (with no trace of protein or fat);
11.	Livers (0206.22.00), hearts, kidneys, blood serum, testicles and salivary glands.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners of Guatemala.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Acuerdo Ministerial No. 162-2006 de fecha 22 de marzo de 2006, disposiciones para prevenir el ingreso al territorio nacional de la enfermedad Encefalopatía Espongiforme Bovina – EEB – o mal de las Vacas Locas</i> (Ministerial Decision No. 162-2006 of 22 March 2006, provisions to prevent the introduction of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) or "Mad Cow Disease" into Guatemala) (3 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: Sets forth provisions relating to the entry into or international transit through Guatemala of animals and animal products, by-products and raw materials for the production of inputs intended for animals, which pose a health risk and which come from or originate in countries where Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) is present.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: Emergency measure to prevent the entry of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), which is a disease exotic to Guatemala and lethal to susceptible animals. No effective treatment exists to date. BSE is a zoonotic disease causing variant Kreutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans.
9.	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 If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: Generally speaking, this Ministerial Decision does not differ from the OIE guidelines.
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ministerial Decision No. 162-2006 of 22 March 2006 (available in Spanish).
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as appropriate): This Ministerial Decision shall enter into force with immediate effect and be published in the <i>Diario de Centro América</i> (Official Journal).

12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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