

**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**NOTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF THE RECOGNITION OF EQUIVALENCE  
OF SANITARY OR PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**

Decision by the Committee

Addendum

At its meeting of 25-26 June 2002, the Committee adopted the following format and recommended procedures for the notification of determination of the recognition of equivalence of sanitary or phytosanitary measures, as foreseen in Section J, paragraph 39 of the Recommended Procedures for Implementing the Transparency Obligations of the SPS Agreement.

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## NOTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION OF THE RECOGNITION OF EQUIVALENCE OF SANITARY OR PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

The following notification of determination of the recognition of equivalence has been received.

<b>1. Member notifying:</b>
<b>2. Title of the text stating the determination of the recognition of equivalence:</b>
<b>3. Parties involved:</b>
<b>4. Date of entry into force of the determination of the recognition of equivalence and any associated procedures or regulations:</b>
<b>5. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):</b>
<b>6. Description of measures recognized to be equivalent:</b>
<b>7. Further information available from:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

### Recommended Procedures for the Completion of the Notification Format

In accordance with the Decision on Equivalence (G/SPS/19), a Member which has made a determination recognizing the equivalence of sanitary or phytosanitary measures of another Member or Members shall notify other Members through the Secretariat of the measure(s) recognized to be equivalent and of the products affected by this recognition.

For the purposes of this notification, equivalence is defined to be the state wherein sanitary or phytosanitary measures applied in an exporting country, though different from the measures applied in an importing country, achieve, as demonstrated by the exporting country and recognized by the importing country, the importing country's appropriate level of sanitary or phytosanitary protection. A determination of the recognition of equivalence may be with respect to a specific measure or measures related to a certain product or categories of products, or on a systems-wide basis.

Notification should also be made of significant variations to existing equivalence arrangements, including their suspension or rescission.

Item	Description
1. Member notifying	Government, including the competent authorities of the European Communities, which is making the notification.
2. Title of the text stating determination of the recognition of equivalence	Title of any formal or informal agreement, Memorandum of Understanding or other document establishing the determination of recognition of equivalence.
3. Parties involved	Name of the exporting Member or Members whose measure has been determined to be equivalent.
4. Date of entry into force of the determination of the recognition of equivalence and any associated procedures or regulations	Date from which procedures, regulations or other measures based on the determination of recognition of equivalence took effect.
5. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading)	Tariff item number(s) (normally HS, chapter or heading and number) as contained in national schedules deposited with the WTO of the product(s) which are imported on the basis of the determination of the recognition of equivalence.
6. Brief description of the measure(s) recognized to be equivalent	Clearly indicate the nature of the recognition of equivalence, including which measure(s) of the exporting Member have been determined to be equivalent and which elements of the importing Member's usual requirements are met by these equivalent measures.
7. Further information available from:	The agency or authority from which an interested Member may request further information regarding the specific determination of equivalence being notified. If this is the National Enquiry Point, check the box provided. If available from another body, give its address, fax number and (if available) E-mail address. Provide the world wide web address of the document, if available.