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Notification/ Date of Circulation	Region/Country affected (as identified)	"Product" or issue	Objective	Deadline for submission of comments
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/190 3 March 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Live bovine, swine, ovine and caprine animals, their products and by-products – Veterinary certificates	Animal health	60 days after circulation of the notification
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/191 3 March 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Any foodstuffs or feedingstuff of animal or plant origin – Official controls	Food safety Animal health Plant protection Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days after circulation of the notification
Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/1 12 March 2003	All countries and regions reporting outbreaks of poultry disease in their territory	Adult live poultry, one-day old poultry – Nueva Esparta State free from poultry disease	Animal health Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)
Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/2 12 March 2003	Countries where the species exists and is affected by the disease	Live birds, fertile eggs and eggs for consumption, poultry products and by-products – Avian influenza	Animal health Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)
Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/3 12 March 2003	Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, United Kingdom and Switzerland as well as all other countries and regions reporting outbreaks of this disease in their territory	Bovine animals, sheep, goats and buffaloes, the ova, embryos, products and by-products thereof – BSE	Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)

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Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/4 12 March 2003	All countries and regions reporting the existence of swine disease in their territory	Live swine, semen, their products and by-products – Sanitary requirements	Animal health Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)
Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/5 12 March 2003	Countries where the species exists and is affected by the disease	Whole garlic (<i>Allium sativum</i>) plants and parts thereof, including the bulbs for seeding and consumption – Various pests	Plant protection Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)
Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/6 12 March 2003	Countries where the species exists and is affected by the disease	Whole onion (<i>Allium cepa</i>) plants and parts thereof, including the bulbs – Various pests	Plant protection Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)
Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/7 12 March 2003	All countries	Citrus plants	Plant protection Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)
Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/8 12 March 2003	All countries which transport these products to Venezuela by air or sea	Winter squash, courgette (zucchini), bottle or calabash gourd, chayote (vegetable pear), melon, watermelon, cucumber etc. – <i>Anastrepha grandis</i> fruit fly	Plant protection Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)
Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/9 12 March 2003	(42) Countries listed in the notification and others in which Khapra beetle had been reported	Wheat, maize (corn), rice, sorghum, chickpeas, beans, sunflower seeds, sesamum seeds, soya beans, ground nuts, linseed and similar grains and seeds, flours and meals thereof – Khapra Beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium</i>)	Plant protection Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)
Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/10 12 March 2003	Countries where the species exists and is affected by the disease	Whole potato (<i>Solanum spp.</i>) plants and parts thereof, including tubers – Various pests	Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)

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Venezuela G/SPS/N/VEN/11 12 March 2003	All countries	Seeds of forage plants – Import requirements	Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease Protect territory from other damage from pests	60 days following the date on which the notification was sent to CRN (26 February 03)
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/192 3 March 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Live bovine, ovine and caprine, products and by- products – BSE	Food safety	60 days after circulation of the notification
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/193 3 March 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Meat of bovine animals, sheep or goats and by- products – Specified risk material – TSE	Food safety	60 days after circulation of the notification
Netherlands G/SPS/N/NLD/59 4 March 2003	n.a.	Rind of cheese, sheep cheese and goat cheese – Acetoglycerides, mono- and diglycerides, hydrogenated natural oils and fats, natural waxes, plastics and colourings	Food safety	25 April 2003
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/161 – EMRG 4 March 2003	Kenya or countries exporting geraniums of Kenyan origin	Geraniums (<i>Pelargonium spp.</i>) – <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> Race III, biovar 2	Plant protection	
Singapore G/SPS/N/SGP/21/Add.1 4 March 2003	State of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil)	Beef and mutton products – FMD – Withdrawal of the ban	Animal health	n.a.
Mexico G/SPS/N/MEX/192 12 March 2003	Any trading partner marketing these products	Chemical, pharmaceutical, biological and food products for animal use – Production and quality control specifications	Animal health	18 April 2003
United States G/SPS/N/USA/694 10 March 2003	Trading partners	Milk and milk products – Processing requirements - FMD	Animal health	13 April 2003
Netherlands G/SPS/N/NLD/59/Corr.1 10 March 2003	n.a.	Rind of cheese, sheep cheese and goat cheese – Acetoglycerides, mono- and diglycerides, hydrogenated natural oils and fats, natural waxes, plastics and colourings	Food safety	n.a.

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France G/SPS/N/FRA/4 10 March 2003	All countries trading these products with France	Fertilising materials – Self-inspection obligations	Food safety Animal health Plant protection	3 months after notification
France G/SPS/N/FRA/5 10 March 2003	All countries trading these products	Basic mineral amendments and/or growing media – Mandatory implementation of standards	Plant protection	3 months after notification
United States G/SPS/N/USA/84/Add.5 10 March 2003	n.a.	Ephedrine alkaloids in dietary supplements – New scientific evidence	Food safety	4 April 2003
Japan G/SPS/N/JPN/95 12 March 2003	All countries	Patulin in apple juice and apple juice ingredients	Food safety	23 May 2003
Japan G/SPS/N/JPN/96 12 March 2003	All countries	Food additives (Kojic acid, Methyl hesperidin)	Food safety	23 May 2003
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/157/Rev.1 – EMRG 14 March 2003	Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Great Britain and United States	Propagative material – Sudden Oak Death	Plant protection	
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/97/Corr.1 - EMRG 14 March 2003	Germany, the Netherlands and 7 counties in the State of California (United States)	Propagative and non-propagative material of oak, tanoak, rhododendrons, huckleberry and soil – to prevent entry of <i>Phytophthora</i> spp. – Withdrawal of the notification, see G/SPS/N/CAN/157/Rev.1	Plant protection	
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/141/Corr.1 - EMRG 14 March 2003	United Kingdom	Nursery stock, forest products with bark (logs), soil – <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> (Sudden Oak Death) – Withdrawal of the notification, see G/SPS/N/CAN/157/Rev.1	Plant protection	
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/162 14 March 2003	n.a.	Use of tragacanth gum in anchovy sauce	Food safety	To be provided in a Revision to this notification at later date
Australia G/SPS/N/AUS/112/Add.1 14 March 2003	State of Idaho (United States)	Sweetcorn seed for sowing (<i>Zea Mays</i> L.) – Import conditions	Plant protection Protect territory from other damage from pests	n.a.
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/125 17 March 2003	All regions and countries	Animals of the order Diprotodontia (diprotodonts) – Sanitary requirements	Animal health	14 April 2003

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Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/126 17 March 2003	All regions and countries	Plant species considered to be weeds – Quarantine pests	Plant protection	7 April 2003
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/127 17 March 2003	All regions and countries	Quarantine pests for Chile – Regionalization criteria and list of quarantine pests not found in Chile	Plant protection	7 April 2003
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/128 – EMRG 17 March 2003	State of California (United States)	Poultry and poultry products – Newcastle disease	Animal health	
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/129 17 March 2003	Peru	Garlic and onions for consumption – Phytosanitary requirements	Plant protection	17 April 2003
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/130 21 March 2003	All regions and countries	Amendment of a Decree to bring it into line with new standards	Food safety	14 April 2003
Belgium G/SPS/N/BEL/9 14 March 2003	All regions and countries	Foodstuffs of animal and plant origin – MRLs for pesticide residues	Food safety	n.a.
Argentina G/SPS/N/ARG/65/Add.1 – EMRG 18 March 2003	Countries exporting to Argentina	Live animals, their products and by-products – BSE	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	
United States G/SPS/N/USA/427/Add.2 18 March 2003	Honshu Island (Japan)	Unshu oranges – Import regulations – Final rule	Plant health	2 May 2003
United States G/SPS/N/USA/691/Corr.1 18 March 2003	Trading partners who export food for consumption in the United States	Food for human and animal consumption, except meat, poultry and egg products – Bioterrorism	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/163 18 March 2003	All countries or regions except the continental United States	Wood packaging used in supporting, protecting or carrying cargo – Treatment certification	Plant protection	10 May 2003
Korea G/SPS/N/KOR/124 18 March 2003	n.a.	Food additives	Food safety	15 May 2003

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Czech Republic G/SPS/N/CZE/22/Rev.1/Add.1 – EMRG 20 March 2003	France, Portugal, the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, Spain, Ireland, Luxembourg and Germany	Cattle, certain animal products originating from cattle – BSE – Withdrawal of the ban	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	
Czech Republic G/SPS/N/CZE/23/Rev.1/Add.1 – EMRG 20 March 2003	EC member States	Certain products of mammal origin – BSE – Withdrawal of the ban	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	
Czech Republic G/SPS/N/CZE/14/Rev.1/Add.1 – EMRG 20 March 2003	Switzerland	Cattle, certain products of mammal origin – BSE – Withdrawal of the ban	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/200 20 March 2003	Countries listed in the notification	Seeds for sowing imported into post-entry quarantine in New Zealand – Import requirements	Plant protection	16 May 2003
United States G/SPS/N/USA/695 20 March 2003	Any trading partners	Cyprodinil – MRLs in bushberry, caneberry, juneberry, ingonberry, pistachio, salal and watercress	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	7 April 2003
United States G/SPS/N/USA/696 20 March 2003	Any trading partners	Pesticide Urea – Exemption of a tolerance	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	26 January 2003
Japan G/SPS/N/JPN/97 20 March 2003	All countries	Feed for cattle, fish meal and chicken meal	Animal health	21 May 2003
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/164 20 March 2003	n.a.	Microcrystalline cellulose in whipping cream	Food safety	To be provided in a Revision to this notification at later date
United States G/SPS/N/USA/697 – EMRG 20 March 2003	Regions or countries exporting these products	Propagative material of <i>Pelargonium</i> spp. and <i>Solanium</i> spp. – <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> race 3 biovar 2	Plant protection	

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United States G/SPS/N/USA/698 21 March 2003	Trading partners	Animal and animal products	Animal health	5 May 2003
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/194 21 March 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Acephate, metalaxyl and parathion-methyl – MRLs in cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables	Food safety Plant protection	60 days after circulation of the notification
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/195 21 March 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Chlormequat, fenamiphos, lambda-cyhalothrin, kresoxim-methyl, azoxystrobin and mancozeb – MRLs in cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables	Food safety Plant protection	60 days after circulation of the notification
Argentina G/SPS/N/ARG/71 21 March 2003	All countries trading with Argentina	Bee-keeping material for apiaries – Sanitary requirements	Animal health Protect territory from other damage from pests	26 May 2003
Japan G/SPS/N/JPN/98 26 March 2003	Countries exporting LMOs to Japan	Living modified organisms (LMOs) – Catagena Protocol on Biosafety	Animal health Plant protection Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease Protect territory from other damage from pests	30 May 2003
Philippines G/SPS/N/PHL/47 – EMRG 26 March 2003	Netherlands	Domestic and wild birds, poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen – Avian influenza	Animal health	
Peru G/SPS/N/PER/47 25 March 2003	Netherlands	Live poultry, fertile eggs, eggs for consumption, poultry meat, poultry products and by-products – Avian influenza	Animal health	n.a.
Peru G/SPS/N/PER/48 – EMRG 25 March 2003	Bolivia, Ecuador and Paraguay	Ruminants and live swine, semen and embryos thereof, their products and by-products – FMD	Animal health	
Colombia G/SPS/N/COL/71 25 March 2003	Countries affected by this pest	Germoplasma and reproduction material – Special cubense race 4 or Taiwan variant of Fusarium oxysporum	Plant protection	n.a.

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Korea G/SPS/N/KOR/98/Add.5 26 March 2003	Germany, the Netherlands, England and United States (13 counties in the states of California and Oregon) and Spain	Propagative and non-propagative materials – Sudden Oak Death	Plant protection	n.a.
United States G/SPS/N/USA/699 26 March 2003	US trading partners	Dietary ingredients and dietary supplements – Current good manufacturing practice	Food safety	11 June 2003

n.a. = not available, not identified