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Joint communication of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities

Corrigendum

Paragraphs (ii) and (iii) should read:

- (ii) As a consequence new EU member States have to fully comply with SPS legislation already enforced within the European Communities.
- (iii) For the sake of transparency, it has been considered useful to use a specific model of notification to be used in the period preceding the date of accession. For this it should be considered that the relevant EU *Acquis* has been previously notified, as from when the obligation to notify applies i.e. in 1995, and open to comments, which have been taken into account in the final version of the SPS measures. In this respect, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and the European Communities share a common understanding supporting the view that the ongoing modification of their national SPS regulations as a consequence of the adoption of the EU *Acquis* will be notified for information [i.e. comment period as foreseen in box 11 of the notification format, will not be applicable.] Therefore the objective of notification, as stipulated under point 7 in the notification form, is the harmonization of legislation in connection with the accession to the European Union.

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<sup>1</sup> In English and French only.