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Communication from Kazakhstan

The following communication is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Kazakhstan.

1. The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan has the honor to inform the following in accordance with Article 7 and Annex B of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (hereinafter referred as "the SPS Agreement").

I. TRANSPARENCY

A. NATIONAL NOTIFICATION AUTHORITY

2. The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan is the designated central government authority responsible for the implementation of the provisions concerning notification procedures under the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

3. The contact information for the National Notification Authority is the following:

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B. ENQUIRY POINT

4. In accordance with Article 7 and Annex B of the SPS Agreement, the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan has created a single enquiry point for interaction with the World Trade Organisation Members on technical barriers to trade and sanitary and phytosanitary measures (TBT/SPS Enquiry Point) at the Standardization, Metrology and Certification Committee "KazInSt" National State Enterprise.

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5. "KazInSt" NSE shares information and applies procedures on sending and receiving notifications of TBT and SPS Measures.

C. PUBLICATIONS

6. The proposed new veterinary and plant quarantine measures are published in "Agroinform" trade magazine and are available on the website at www.minagri.kz.

7. The proposed new sanitary measures are published in "Korshagan orta zhane halyk densaulgy. Environment and Population Health" monthly newsletter and are available on the website at www.dari.ku/doc/minzdrav/pravo/pravo.html

8. Copies of standards and legal acts on TBT and SPS measures are also available from the SPS/TBT Enquiry Point.

II. RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. THE SPS AGREEMENT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING LAWS:

9. The Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan N°. 361 of 4 December 2002 "On Sanitary-Epidemiological Welfare of Population" determines the legal, economic, and social conditions for ensuring the sanitary-epidemiological welfare of the population of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

10. The Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan N°. 339-II of 10 July 2002 "On Veterinary" determines the legal, organizational, and economic base for veterinary activity; its main objective is to ensure a favourable veterinary-sanitary situation and the safety of animal products, raw materials, veterinary drugs, feed and feed additives as well as protect the population from diseases that are common for animals and humans.

11. The Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan N°. 344-1 of 11 February 1999 "On Plants Quarantine" determines the legal basis and principles for implementation of government measures on plants quarantine, which represents an integral component of the national security system in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

B. THE TRANSPARENCY ISSUES RELATED TO TBT AND SPS MEASURES MEET THE FOLLOWING
NORMATIVE LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

12. Joint Order of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan N°. 145 of 16 June 2004, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan N°. 327 of 23 June 2004, and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan N°. 528 of 7 July 2004 "On Creation of the Single Enquiry Point for Interaction with the World Trade Organization Members On Technical Barriers to Trade, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures".

13. Standard of Republic of Kazakhstan ST RK 1.39-2003 "Rules and Procedures for Preparation of Notifications on Proposed Technical Regulations and Standards".
