

**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**NOTIFICATION OF URGENT ACTIONS**

**DRAFT RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES**

**Note by the Secretariat**

**Revision**

At its meeting of 15-16 November 1995, the Committee agreed on some modifications to the draft recommended procedures for urgent actions (G/SPS/W/30). Attached are the revised draft recommended procedures for further consideration by the Committee.

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**Recommended Notification Procedures for Emergency Notifications**

Members should follow these guidelines when notifying actions as recognized in paragraph 6 of Annex B. Such actions may be taken when an urgent sanitary or phytosanitary situation arises and preliminary assessments show that there may be a potential threat to human health or animal or plant health within the territory of the country concerned.

The following procedures are recommended for the notification of such urgent actions.

**Format and Guidelines:**

Information contained in the notification form should be as complete as possible and no section should be left blank. Where necessary, "not known" or "not stated" should be indicated.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Member notifying	Government, including the competent authorities of the European Community, which is making the notification.
2. Agency responsible	Body elaborating a proposal for or promulgating a sanitary or phytosanitary regulation.
3. Products covered	Tariff item number(s) (normally HS, chapter or heading and number) as contained in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable. A

- clear description is important for an understanding of the notification by delegations and translators. Abbreviations should be avoided.
4. Title and number of pages  
Title of the proposed or adopted sanitary or of the notified document phytosanitary regulation. Number of pages in the notified document.
  5. Description of content  
An abstract of the proposed or adopted sanitary or phytosanitary regulation clearly indicating its content. A clear description is important for an understanding of the notification by delegations and translators. Abbreviations should be avoided.
  6. Objective and rationale  
For instance: food safety, animal health, plant protection, etc.
  7. Nature of urgent problem(s)  
Indication of the underlying reasons for resorting to emergency action.
  8. Existence of international standard  
If a relevant international standard does not exist, put a cross in the box provided; otherwise, briefly describe how the proposed regulation deviates from such international standard.
  9. Relevant documents
    - (a) Measure taken and basic document which was modified (with specific reference number or other identification);
    - (b) Publication in which regulation will appear; and language(s) in which basic document is available;
    - (c) Whenever practicable, give reference to relevant international standard. If it is necessary to charge for documents supplied, the amount of the charge should be indicated.
  10. Date of entry into force/  
period of application (as applicable)  
The date from which the requirements in the emergency regulation entered into force, and, if applicable, the period of time during which they will apply. (For example: immediate entry into force [date], duration of two months.)
  11. Texts available from  
If available from national enquiry point, put a cross in the box provided. If available from another body, give its address, telex and telefax number. Such indications should not in any way discharge the relevant enquiry point of its responsibilities under the provisions of Annex B, Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the SPS Agreement.

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying: If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b>
3.	<b>Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b>
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b>
5.	<b>Description of content:</b>
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b>
7.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s):</b>
8.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [ ]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents; and language(s) in which available:</b>
10.	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b>
11.	<b>Texts available from/comments to: National enquiry point [ ] or address and telefax number of other body:</b>