

**JOINT COMMUNICATION OF NORWAY AND
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

The following communication was received from Norway on 13 mars 2000.

In order to comply with the SPS Agreement Transparency and Notifications provisions, as set out in Article 7 and Annex B, and in accordance with the recommendations of the SPS Committee as included in document G/SPS/12, Norway would like to inform the Committee of the following:

The Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA) between the European Communities and the EFTA States signed on 2 May 1992 and entered into force on 1 January 1994. Annex 1, Chapter 1 of the EEA Agreement on veterinary issues related to trade in live animals and animal products entered into force on 1 July 1994. However, at that time EEA provisions did not require amendments of the existing Norwegian requirements for import of live animals and animal products from countries outside the EEA.

A revised version of Annex 1, Chapter 1 of the EEA Agreement, establishing common procedures for import of live animals and animal products from third countries to Norway, entered into force on 1 January 1999. This prompted the alignment of Norwegian import regulations with those of the European Union. Import requirements for live animals and animal products applicable as of 1 January 1999 are in conformity with the ones adopted by the European Union.

Further details are provided on <http://www/landbruk.dep.no/wto>.
