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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 14 August 2001, has been received from the United States.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA is amending the regulations to prohibit, with limited exceptions, the importation of certain animal materials and their derivatives, and any products they are used in, from regions considered to present an unacceptable risk of introducing bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States. Additionally, we are requiring that those materials when imported from regions not considered at risk for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, be accompanied by government certification regarding the species, region of origin, processing and handling of the materials and the animals from which they were derived. These actions are necessary to ensure that materials containing the bovine spongiform encephalopathy agent are not imported into the United States.

This rule is effective retroactively to 7 December 2000, except for Section 95.29 which is effective 14 August 2001. APHIS invites you to comment. We will consider all comments that we receive by 15 October 2001.

The full text of this addendum, including detailed instructions for commenting, is available from the address below:

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