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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health and Consumers Directorate-General
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Ovine embryos
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Commission Regulation amending Annexes II, VII, VIII, IX and X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies + corresponding Annex <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 20 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/EEC/14_1106_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/EEC/14_1106_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/EEC/14_1106_01_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/EEC/14_1106_01_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Chapter H of Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 lays down rules for the importation into the European Union of ovine and caprine semen and embryos. These import rules are updated to reflect the conditions for intra-Union trade laid down in Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 and offer to the EU's trading partners the possibility to exempt heterozygous ovine ARR embryos exported to the European Union from any classical scrapie related requirements.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) Chapter 14.9 of the OIE Terrestrial Code <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>          EFSA scientific opinions:  <a href="http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/1429.pdf">http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/1429.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/3080.pdf">http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/doc/3080.pdf</a>          (available in English)</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> September 2014 (expected)  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> September 2014</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 January 2015</p> <p><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b> The new rules are less stringent compared to the current EU requirements according to which heterozygous ovine ARR embryos are exempted from scrapie-related conditions. By means of the newly proposed rules, the European Union extends the scope of the exemption.</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 3 May 2014</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>European Commission          DG Health and Consumers, Unit G6-Multilateral International Relations          Rue Froissart 101          B-1049 Brussels          Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263          Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090          E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Texts available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>European Commission          DG Health and Consumers, Unit G6-Multilateral International Relations          Rue Froissart 101          B-1049 Brussels          Tel: +(32 2) 29 54263          Fax: +(32 2) 29 98090          E-mail: sps@ec.europa.eu</p>