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NOTIFICATION FORMAT FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES

- 1. According to Annex B, Paragraph 6 of the SPS Agreement, when urgent problems of health protection arise or threaten to arise for a Member, that Member may omit such of the steps required by the normal notification procedures (as enumerated in Annex B, paragraph 5) as it finds necessary, provided that the Member:
 - "(a) immediately notifies other Members, through the Secretariat, of the particular regulation and the products covered, with a brief indication of the objective and the rationale of the regulation, including the nature of the urgent problem(s);
 - (b) provides, upon request, copies of the regulation to other Members;
 - (c) allows other Members to make comments in writing, discusses these comments upon request, and takes the comments and the results of the discussions into account."
- 2. At its first meeting, the SPS Committee agreed that the Secretariat should prepare a separate format for the notification of sanitary and phytosanitary measures introduced to face urgent health protection problems. Members will find attached the proposed notification format.

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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