

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>ARGENTINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: National Drug, Food and Medical Technology Administration (ANMAT) of the Ministry of Health and Social Services
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Gangliosides of bovine origin, finished and semi-finished products containing raw materials of ruminant origin and prepared food containing ruminant products
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Orders 1666/96, 1411/96 and 1678/96
5.	Description of content: (This notification applies to those elements of the regulations which are covered by the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.) Order 1666/96: Categorizes the risk of prepared food containing ruminant products for direct sale to the public and/or consumer. Order 1411/96: As a precautionary measure, suspends marketing of medical specialities containing gangliosides of bovine origin. Order 1678/96: Categorizes risk of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) by country and risk of ruminant raw materials, for transmission of BSE to humans.
6.	Objective and rationale: Protection of public health
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): Uncertainty created by cases of human Creutzfeld-Jacob disease in the United Kingdom as regards a possible link with BSE.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: The measures being taken are not yet regulated by the international organizations because the disease has only recently appeared.
9.	Relevant documents: "Boletín Oficial" (Official Gazette) No. 28.384 of 28 April 1996 (in Spanish)
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): The day following publication in the "Boletín Oficial".
11.	Texts available from/comments to: National enquiry point [] or address and telefax number of other body: SERVICIO NACIONAL DE SANIDAD ANIMAL, Paseo Colón 367, 3er. piso (1061) Buenos Aires (Argentina). Tel: (54 1) 334-4738