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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, General Administration of Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ)
3.	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): Poultry and products thereof
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Japan
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Joint Public Notice of Ministry of Agriculture and General Administration of Quality Supervision and Inspection Quarantine No.337 (2 pages, available in Chinese).
6.	Description of content: The report of Japan to OIE on 12 January 2004 confirmed an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5) in Japan. To prevent H5N1 from being introduced into China, China decided to suspend the entry of poultry and products thereof directly or indirectly from Korea, including those mailed or taken by travellers.
7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: To prevent H5N1 from being introduced into China.
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [] International Plant Protection Convention, [] None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 14 January 2004
12.	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: