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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission, General Directorate for Health and Consumer Protection
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Ratites for breeding and production, hatching eggs and day-old chicks of ratites Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Israel, Namibia, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Switzerland, Tunisia, United States of America, Zimbabwe
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Laying down animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of live ratites and hatching eggs thereof from third countries including animal health measures to be applied after such importation and amending Commission Decision 95/233/EC drawing up a list of third countries from which the member States authorize imports of live poultry and hatching eggs.
5.	Description of content: Consignments of ratites for breeding and production, hatching eggs and day-old chicks of ratites from countries referred too in paragraph 3 of this notification, and intended to the European Communities must come from establishments which have been approved by the competent authority and must meet the Animal health conditions set in the following model animal health certificates. Breeding or productive ratites: <u>Model A</u> if originating from countries free from avian influenza (AI) and Newcastle disease (ND). <u>Model B</u> if originating from countries free from AI and not free from ND. Hatching eggs of ratites <u>Model C</u> if originating from countries free from AI and ND. <u>Model D</u> if originating from countries free from AI and not free from ND. Day-old chicks of ratites: <u>Model E</u> if originating from countries free from AI and ND; <u>Model F</u> if originating from countries free from AI and not free from ND. Slaughter ratites: <u>Model G</u> if originating from countries free from AI and ND; <u>Model H</u> if originating from countries free from AI and not free from ND. Specific after-import conditions are also established.
6.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests

7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [<input type="checkbox"/>]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: This decision conforms the requirement of the OIE International Animal health Code, Chapter 2.1.14 (Highly pathogenic avian influenza) and Chapter 2.1.15 (Newcastle disease)
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: European Commission Document SANCO/3650/2000 Rev. 8 (Available in all EC languages)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 16 July 2001
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: End October 2001
11.	Final date for comments: 60 days after the date of notification Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [<input type="checkbox"/>] National notification authority, [X] EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
12.	Texts available from: [<input type="checkbox"/>] National notification authority, [X] EC enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: EEC legislation is available in <i>Eur-Lex</i> [http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/]