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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 – Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development
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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: 1. Live bovine (0102), ovine and caprine (0104) animals 2. Bovine embryos and ova 3. Ovine and caprine semen, embryos and ova 4. Products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin 5. Fishery products which are destined for human consumption and contain gelatine or rendered animal fat 6. Egg products which are destined for human consumption and contain gelatine or rendered animal fat 7. Snails or frogs' legs which are destined for human consumption and contain gelatine or rendered animal fat 8. Pet food
4. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation laying down rules for the prevention and control of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) (31 pages).
5. Description of content: Regulation addressing human and animal health aspects relating to risks of exposure to all animal TSEs for food and feed production and placing on the market, including import, export and movement without commercial purpose.
6. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests Prevention and control of all animal TSEs and protection of public health.
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: Chapter 3.2.13 of OIE Code. The relevant Chapter of the OIE Code does not currently provide for a complete categorization of countries and for the level of protection deemed appropriate. There is an undertaking of the European Commission to adapt its proposal during the legislative process to take account of the development of the OIE Code.

8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Official Journal of the European Communities C 45, 19 February 1999, p. 2. (Available in Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish.)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 21 days following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.
11.	Final date for comments: 60 days after the date of issue. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National 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, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: