

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

G/SPS/N/HKG/3

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>HONG KONG, CHINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Trade Department
3.	<b>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:</b> Frozen/chilled beef (0201, 0202) from Northern Ireland
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Notice to Stockholders of Frozen Meat dated 25 January 1999 (Available in English and Chinese, 3 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> Further to G/SPS/N/HKG/2 dated 13 June 1996 notifying the suspension of the import of British frozen/chilled beef, Hong Kong, China has resumed the processing of import licence applications covering frozen/chilled beef from Northern Ireland with effect from 1 February 1999.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety <input 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  To enable the resumption of the trade on beef from Northern Ireland on the grounds that the possible health threat related to occurrence of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in cattle in the Northern Ireland has been adequately addressed by the competent health authority.
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> Not applicable
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Notice to Stockholders of Frozen Meat dated 25 January 1999 (Available in English and Chinese, 3 pages)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 25 January 1999
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 February 1999
11.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> Not applicable  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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