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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>MACAO, CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau
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): Masked palm civet (<i>Paguma larvata</i>) and their products including: live animals, their meat, meat products and organs
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries and regions
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Chief Executive Decision No. 8/2004 (one page). Temporary Ban on the importation of masked palm civet and their products.
6.	Description of content: For public health and food safety, the Macao Special Administrative Region has imposed a temporary suspension on the importation of all masked palm civet and their products which suffered from or were suspected to suffer from the SARS virus.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" 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
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: In order to prevent the entry of the virus and to protect public health, the Macao Special Administrative Region has imposed a temporary ban on the importation referred to in item 3 above with an effective date of 2 February 2004.
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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: Macao Special Administrative Region Official Gazette No. 5 dated 2 February 2004, available in Chinese and Portuguese.
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 2 February 2004

12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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