

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>MOROCCO</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Sea Fisheries - Livestock 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> Live poultry, poultry products, foods containing products derived from poultry and pigmeat-based products. <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Belgium
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Order of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Sea Fisheries Prohibiting Entry into the National Territory of Live Poultry, Poultry Products, Foods Containing Products Derived from Poultry and Pigmeat-Based Products from Belgium (1 page)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> The importation of live poultry, poultry products, foods containing products derived from poultry, feed containing animal fats intended for poultry and ruminants, pigmeat and pigmeat-based products from Belgium is prohibited.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests Measures taken pursuant to information and data gathered by the Livestock Department indicating the presence of dioxins at levels exceeding the permissible international limits in chicken and poultry products.
7.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s):</b> Emergency measure taken to protect the health of the consumer against the effects of dioxins.
8.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> In French
10.	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 30 May 1999
11.	<b>Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: