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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - APHIS
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). Ruminants and swine Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Artigas (Uruguay)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Change in Disease Status of Artigas, Uruguay, Because of Rinderpest and Foot-and-Mouth Disease - Interim rule and request for comments (3 pages)
5.	Description of content: APHIS is amending the regulations governing the importation of certain animals, meat, and other animal products by removing Artigas, a department in Uruguay, from the list of regions considered to be free of rinderpest and foot-and-mouth disease. We are taking this action because the existence of foot-and-mouth disease has been confirmed there. The effect of this action is to prohibit or restrict the importation of any ruminant or swine and any fresh (chilled or frozen) meat and other products of ruminants or swine into the United States from Artigas. APHIS invites your comments and will consider all comments received by 12 February 2001.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): This action is necessary to prevent the introduction of foot-and-mouth disease into the United States.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: APHIS is taking this action in accordance with Chapter 2.1.1 of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Animal Health Code.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 65 FR 77771, 13 December 2000 (Available in English)
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): This interim rule was effective 1 October 2000.

- 11. Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:**
[X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.

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