

# 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>UNITED STATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - APHIS
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).</b> Fresh (chilled and frozen) beef <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Argentina
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Prohibition of Beef From Argentina (3 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA is amending the regulations by removing the provisions for the importation of fresh (chilled or frozen) beef from Argentina and by removing the exemptions that allowed cured or cooked beef to be imported from Argentina under certain conditions without meeting the requirements of the regulations regarding cured and cooked meat from regions where rinderpest or foot-and-mouth disease exists. We are taking these actions because the existence of foot-and-mouth disease has been confirmed in that country. The effect of these actions is to prohibit the importation of any fresh (chilled or frozen) beef from Argentina and to prohibit the importation of any cooked or cured beef from Argentina that does not meet the requirements of the regulations regarding cured and cooked meat from regions where rinderpest or foot-and-mouth disease exists.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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 APHIS is taking this action in accordance with Chapter 2.1.1 of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Animal Health Code.
7.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s):</b> We are taking these actions as an emergency measure to protect the livestock of the United States from foot-and-mouth disease.
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> APHIS is taking this action in accordance with Chapter 2.1.1 of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Animal Health Code.
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available</b> 66 FR 29897, 4 June 2001 (Available in English)

**10. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):** This interim rule was effective on 19 February 2001. We invite you to comment. APHIS will consider all comments that we receive by 3 August 2001.

**11. Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:** The full text of this notification, including instructions for commenting, are available from the address below. ☒ **National notification authority**, ☒ **National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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