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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA; and Food and Drug Administration (FDA), HHS.
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): Beef cattle intended for slaughter and use as human food; Ruminants, Ruminant Products, Animal Feed
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Trading partners
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Federal Measures To Mitigate BSE Risks: Considerations for Further Action; Proposed Rule; Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; invitation to comment (Available in English, 14 pages).
6. Description of content: The Secretary of Agriculture convened an international panel of experts on BSE to review the US response to the Washington case and make recommendations that could provide meaningful additional public or animal health benefits. The purpose of this advance notice of proposed rulemaking is to inform the public about the panel's recommendations and to solicit comment on additional measures under consideration based on those recommendations and other considerations. The agencies are currently considering additional safeguards based on recommendations of an international review team convened by the Secretary of Agriculture and on other considerations. The purpose of this advance notice of proposed rulemaking is to inform the public about the report and recommendations of the international review team and to solicit public comment on the additional measures under consideration.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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. 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 type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the <i>Federal Register</i> (FR), Vol. 69 No. 134, pages 42287- 42300 http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor/all.html http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/04-15882.pdf http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2004_register&docid=fr14jy04-16 (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption: Not available
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: Not available
12.	<p>Final date for comments: APHIS and FSIS will consider all comments received on or before 13 September 2004. FDA will consider all comments received on or before 13 August 2004.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Submit written comments to APHIS by: Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. 04-047-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 04-047-1. Electronic comments to APHIS can be submitted by e-mail. Address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 04-047-1" on the subject line.</p> <p>Submit written comments to FSIS by: Mail, including floppy disks or CD-ROM's, and hand-or courier-delivered items: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102 Cotton Annex, Washington, DC 20250. All submissions received must include the Agency name and Docket No. 04-021ANPR. Electronic comments for FSIS can be submitted by Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments. Instructions: All submissions received must include the Agency name and Docket No. 04-021ANPR.</p> <p>Submit written comments to FDA by any of the following methods: Mail/hand delivery/courier (for paper, disc, or CD-ROM submissions): Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All submissions must include the Agency name and Docket No. 2004N-0264 or Regulatory Identification No. (RIN) 0910-AF46.</p> <p>Electronic comments to FDA can be submitted by e-mail: fdadockets@oc.fda.gov. by including Docket no. 2004N-0264 or Regulatory Identification No. (RIN) 0910-AF46; by Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov by following instructions; and by Agency website: http://www.fda.gov/dockets/comments by following instructions.</p>

- 13. Texts available from:** [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: U.S. Enquiry Point, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1027, Washington, DC 20250. Tel (202) 720-0677, fstd@usda.gov.

Complete text can also be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor/all.html> OR

<http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/04-15882.pdf>