

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Swine
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Health of Animals Regulations (pages 1746-1754)
5.	<p>Description of content: The Health of Animals Regulations control the importation of animals and their products, including manure, into Canada in order to prevent the introduction of diseases that could have a serious effect on Canada's agricultural industry.</p> <p>The two amendments included in this regulatory package are intended to reduce the impact of the Regulations on trade in live swine between the United States and Canada, while minimizing the risks of introducing pseudorabies and swine brucellosis into Canada's national swine herd.</p> <p>This proposal makes two changes to the Regulations:</p> <p>(a) <u>Slaughter Swine</u> It is proposed to exempt swine imported into Canada from the United States, from the current testing and quarantine requirements, provided they are taken directly to an abattoir and slaughtered immediately.</p> <p>In order to import swine into Canada under this exemption, importers must meet stringent requirements designed to ensure that pseudorabies and brucellosis are not introduced into Canada's swine population.</p> <p>(b) <u>Cleaning and Disinfection of Trucks</u> Section 106 of the Health of Animals Regulations is amended to allow trucks that have delivered Canadian swine to abattoirs in the United States to return without being disinfected. This will facilitate movement of slaughter swine into the United States by reducing the costs of transportation.</p>

<p>To be eligible to meet this exemption, the trucks must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) have transported Canadian swine to the United States and returned directly to Canada; (ii) have not transported any United States swine; (iii) not be licensed to transport livestock between locations in the United States; and (iv) have removed all manure possible by scraping.
<p>6. Objective and rationale: protection of animal health</p>
<p>7. An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Canada Gazette, Part I, 14 June 1997</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: not stated</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of entry into force: not stated</p>
<p>11. Final date for comments: 13 August 1997 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Enquiry Point</p>
<p>12. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>