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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:																								
2. Agency responsible: Federal Office for Public Health, Bern																								
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): Foodstuffs of animal origin																								
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries which export these products to Switzerland.																								
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Newsletter No. 78 - Directive of the Swiss Federal Office for Public Health: New Maximum Limits for Nitrofurans Residues in Foodstuffs of Animal Origin (three pages, in French and German).																								
6. Description of content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. The active substances listed below are subject, as of 13 August 2002, to the following maximum residue limits (MRLs):<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>1</th><th>2</th><th>3</th><th>4</th><th>5</th><th>6</th></tr><tr><th>Active substance</th><th>Scope</th><th>Foodstuff</th><th>Tolerance value mg/kg</th><th>Maximum residue limit (MRL) mg/kg</th><th>Comments</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Furaltadone</td><td>C</td><td>Meat</td><td></td><td>0.001</td><td>Sum of the furaltadone and its metabolites with an intact 5-nitrofurans and 3-amino-5-morpholinomethyl-2-oxazolidinone (AMOZ) side chain; calculated as furaltadone</td></tr><tr><td>Furazolidone</td><td>C</td><td>Meat</td><td></td><td>0.001</td><td>Sum of the furazolidone and its metabolites with an intact 5-nitrofurans and 3-amino-2-oxazolidinone (AOZ) side chain; calculated as furazolidone</td></tr></tbody></table>	1	2	3	4	5	6	Active substance	Scope	Foodstuff	Tolerance value mg/kg	Maximum residue limit (MRL) mg/kg	Comments	Furaltadone	C	Meat		0.001	Sum of the furaltadone and its metabolites with an intact 5-nitrofurans and 3-amino-5-morpholinomethyl-2-oxazolidinone (AMOZ) side chain; calculated as furaltadone	Furazolidone	C	Meat		0.001	Sum of the furazolidone and its metabolites with an intact 5-nitrofurans and 3-amino-2-oxazolidinone (AOZ) side chain; calculated as furazolidone
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Nitrofurantoin	C	Meat		0.001	Sum of the nitrofurantoin and its metabolites with an intact 5-nitrofuran and 1-aminohydantoin (AHD) side chain; calculated as nitrofurantoin
Nitrofurazone	C	Meat		0.001	Sum of the nitrofurazone and its metabolites with an intact 5-nitrofuran and semicarbazide (SEM) side chain; calculated as nitrofurazone

2. The tolerance value for furazolidone in list 3 of the Annex to the Ordinance on Foreign Substances and Toxic Components in Foodstuffs is hereby removed with immediate effect.

7. **Objective and rationale:** ☒ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☐ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ protect territory from other damage from pests

8. **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action:** The presence of nitrofurans in foodstuffs is a risk to human health.

9. **International standard, guideline or recommendation:**
☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission, ☐ Office International des Epizooties, ☐ International Plant Protection Convention, ☒ None

If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

Pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 of 26 June 1990, the administration to food-producing animals of substances belonging to the class of nitrofurans is banned throughout the Community. A "zero tolerance" standard is applied to nitrofuran residues, that is to say, detection of nitrofuran residues means that the foodstuff in question may no longer be released on the market.

10. **Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

- DFI (Swiss Federal Department of Home Affairs) Ordinance of 26 June 1995 on Foreign Substances and Toxic Components in Foodstuffs (Ordinance on Foreign Substances and Toxic Components, OSEC; No. RS 817.021.23; available in French, Italian and German).
http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/sr/c817_021_23.html
- Food Ordinance of 1 March 1995 (ODAI; No. RS 817.02; available in French, Italian and German).
http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/sr/c817_02.html
- Federal Law on Foodstuffs and Objects in Everyday Use of 9 October 1992 (Food Law, LDAI; No. RS 817.0; available in French, Italian and German).
http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/sr/c817_0.html

11. **Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):** 13 August 2002

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