

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Swiss Federal Veterinary Office, CH-3097 Liebefeld-Berne
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): Petfood containing animal protein
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Health certificate for the importation of petfood
5.	Description of content: Additional confirmation that the product does not contain specified risk material (SRM) from animals of the bovine, ovine and caprine species that, according to Swiss legal provisions, must be destroyed by incineration, and that the product does not contain mechanically recovered meat or dead animals of the above mentioned species.
6.	Objective and rationale: Protection of the pet population of Switzerland. In addition, the risk for humans arising from non intentional ingestion or contamination by petfood is further diminished.
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Legal basis: Ordinance on epizootics of 25 June 1995, and planned modification of October 1997 taking into account the decisions 96/449/EC and 97/534/EC.
9.	Proposed date of adoption:
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1st trimester 1998

11. Final date for comments: 13 November 1998

Agency or authority designated to handle comments:

12. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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