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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Consumer Protection Directorate-General.
3.	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). Breeding pigs (CN 01031000); live poultry, i.e. <i>Gallus domesticus</i> and turkeys (CN 010511, 01051200, 01059200, 01059300, 01059930); fresh poultry meat (CN 020711, 020712, 020713, 020714); hatching eggs (CN 04070019) shell eggs (CN 04070030). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: EC member States and third countries trading with the European Communities.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the control of salmonella and other food-borne zoonotic agents and amending Council Directives 64/432/EEC, 72/462/EEC and 90/539/EEC (12 pages).
5.	Description of content: The proposal notified hereby sets a framework for a pathogen reduction policy, with <u>Community targets</u> being progressively established in selected farm animal populations. <i>Salmonellae</i> is the main target where actions along the food chain are required in order to decrease substantially the number of human cases of food-borne salmonellosis and to this aim community targets will progressively be established for breeding flocks of <i>Gallus gallus</i> , laying hens, broilers, turkeys, breeding herds of pigs, within a fixed timeframe. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Countries will have to present control programmes for approval by the European Commission.• One basic element is to ensure that the buyer of live animals or hatching eggs knows the status of the holding of origin of the animals and to this aim, veterinary health certification will be used and as regards third countries, equivalent measures will be required for importation of relevant live animals and hatching eggs into the European Communities.• Predefined EC measures are also proposed for table eggs and broilers meat at the end of a transitional period. Certification requirements for importation of these products shall also be established in due course.
6.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests

7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Proposal COM(2001) 452 Final – 2001/0177 (COD) for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the control of salmonella and other food-borne zoonotic agents and amending Council Directives 64/432/EEC, 72/462/EEC and 90/539/EEC. Official Journal of the EC, Series C, Number C304 E, of 30.10.2001, pages 260-271 (Available in all EC languages).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: The proposal is submitted to the Council and to the European Parliament for a co-decision. A date of adoption cannot be given at this stage.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2003
11.	Final date for comments: 60 days after the date of publication Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
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