

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> General Directorate for Health and Consumer Protection
3.	<b>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).</b> Registered horses <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> New York, including New York City, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission decision amending Decision 2000/551/EC on certain protection measures with regard to equidae coming from certain parts of the United States of America affected by West Nile Fever SANCO/2730/2000-Rev1 (5 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> In addition to the animal health certificate required for the temporary admission, re-entry after temporary export of registered horses and the imports and transit of equidae, and until the 30 November 2000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A supplementary certificate shall be required for individual equidae coming from New York (including NY City), New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island areas in the United States of America;</li><li>• These provisions do not apply to equidae coming from other areas in direct transit to an airport situated within the areas specified for subsequent air transport to the European Communities.</li></ul>
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input 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
7.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s):</b> In certain states of the United States of America cases of West Nile fever, a non-contagious vector-transmitted viral disease accompanied by clinical signs of encephalitis, have been reported in horses. The presence of this disease is liable to constitute a danger for humans and equidae.
8.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> This measure conforms the International Animal Health Code - 2000 Part 2 Section 2.5. Chapter 2.5.3. for Equine Encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western).

<b>9.</b>	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Draft Commission decision amending Decision 2000/551/EC on certain protection measures with regard to equidae coming from certain parts of the United States of America affected by West Nile Fever (Available in all EC languages).
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> This decision will apply until 30 November 2000.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> [ ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: