

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | <b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources, Division of Veterinary Services  |
| 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> Chilled processed pork products and live cattle <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> France and South Africa   |
| 4. | <b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Lifting of ban on import of chilled processed pork from France and on import of live cattle from Foot and Mouth Disease free-zones in South Africa (2 pages)   |
| 5. | <p><b>Description of content:</b> Following the report from the OIE dated 21 September 2001, Vol. 14, No. 38, regarding the Foot and Mouth Disease situation in different countries, the Division of Veterinary Services of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources has decided to lift the ban on import of chilled processed pork products from France, the risk in importing pork products being insignificant.</p> <p>The Division of Veterinary Services has also decided to lift the ban on importation of live cattle (from Foot and Mouth Disease free-zones in South Africa (the Eastern Cape as identified by the South African Veterinary Services). The importation of such live animals will be subjected to strict compliance with conditions outlined in the Mauritian import regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the animals should be kept in a quarantine for a period of at least 14 days;</li><li>(ii) blood tests should be carried out against Foot and Mouth Disease;</li><li>(iii) the animals must travel to the port of embarkation through free-zones; and</li><li>(iv) the ship should travel directly to Port-Louis harbour, and on arrival a veterinary inspection of the animals will be carried out on high seas prior to landing.</li></ul> <p>These decisions have been taken for the safeguard of animal health, food safety and FMD free status of Mauritius.</p> |
| 6. | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ X ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests  |

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| <b>7.</b>  | <b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [   ].<br/>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>  |
| <b>8.</b>  | <b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  |
| <b>9.</b>  | <b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 3 October 2001   |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 3 October 2001   |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Final date for comments:</b><br><b>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:  |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Texts available from:</b> [   ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:<br><br>Ministry of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources<br>Plant Pathology and Quarantine Division<br>Reduit, Mauritius<br>Tel: 464-4872<br>Fax: 465-9591<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:plpath@intnet.mu">plpath@intnet.mu</a> |