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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries
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): Live bi-ungulates, transport vehicles for bi-ungulates, manure, unprocessed milk, animal feed and rendering material
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Regulation on additional requirements concerning contagious animal diseases.
6.	Description of content: The Regulation provides for the Netherlands to be divided up into geographical areas. Transport vehicles for bi-ungulates, manure originating from bi-ungulates, unprocessed milk, animal feed and specified high-risk material (Dutch designation: SRM) must be provided with a sticker which corresponds with the geographical area within which holdings where bi-ungulates are kept are visited. In addition, a tighter cleaning and disinfection regime will apply to the aforementioned transport vehicles. The Regulation also contains quarantine rules which apply to the delivery and removal of bi-ungulates to and from a holding. The guiding principle in this respect is that a holding is not allowed to remove bi-ungulates, except for pigs, if bi-ungulates had been delivered in the preceding 30-day period. Exceptions to this rule are included for breeding farms, dairy cattle farms and slaughterhouses.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests The package of measures has been introduced as a safeguard measure in the wake of the foot and mouth outbreaks in Europe. The package is necessary in order to keep the veterinary risks to a minimum. The aim is to give the package a structural dimension.
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Regulation on the hygiene requirements with regard to contagious animal diseases 2000; Regulation on the gathering of animals 2000.
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 27 February 2002
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 28 February 2002
12.	Final date for comments: Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
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