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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NORWAY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture
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): Potatoes 07.12.1000
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Communication of 2 July from the Ministry of Agriculture to Norwegian Agricultural Inspection Service. One page.
5.	Description of content: The communication of 2 July provisionally bans import of potatoes from Egypt.
6.	Objective and rationale: Plant protection
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): We have been informed by EPPO that <i>Pseudomonas solanacearum</i> had been pointed out in 43 consignments from Egypt until May this year. <i>Pseudomonas solanacearum</i> has never been demonstrated in Norway. The bacterium has plenty of host plants and the disease would be able to establish also in Norway. The possibility for infection is much higher in the growing season than during winter. There is however need for a risk assessment. The Ministry of Agriculture has therefore asked the Norwegian Agricultural Inspection Service that a risk assessment of <i>Pseudomonas solanacearum</i> must be done.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Cf. point 4
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 2 July 1996
11.	Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: