

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Certain animals, meat, and other animal products.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Change in disease Status of Korea because of Rinderpest and Foot and Mouth disease. (2 pages).
5.	Description of content: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is amending the regulations governing the importation of certain animals, meat, and other animal products by removing the Republic of Korea from the list of regions declared free of rinderpest and foot and mouth disease. We are taking this action because the existence of foot and mouth disease has been confirmed there. The effect of this action is to prohibit or restrict the importation into the United States from the Republic of Korea of any ruminant or swine, or any fresh (chilled or frozen) meat of any ruminant or swine. We invite your comments. We will consider all comments that we receive by 19 June 2000.
6.	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
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): We are taking this action as an emergency measure to protect the livestock of the United States from foot and mouth disease.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: This action is in accordance with international standards set by the Office International des Epizooties.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 65 FR 20713, 18 April 2000; 9 CFR Part 94. (Available in English.)
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): This interim rule was effective 20 March 2000.

- 11. Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:**
[] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address below:

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