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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 - APHIS
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). Horses, ruminants, swine and dogs Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Screwworm is considered to exist in the following regions of the world: Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Columbia, Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, French Guiana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lesotho, Liberia, Macau, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Pacific Islands (Palau), Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paracel Islands, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Spratly Islands, Sri Lanka, Surinam, Swaziland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zaire, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Screwworm is also considered to exist on Isla de Pascua (Easter Island), which is part of Chile.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Importation of Horses, Ruminants, Swine, and Dogs; Inspection and Treatment for Screwworm - Interim rule and request for comments (8 pages).
5.	Description of content: APHIS is amending the animal import regulations to require horses, ruminants, and swine that are imported from regions of the world where screwworm is considered to exist to be inspected and treated, under certain conditions, for screwworm. APHIS is also amending the regulations to require dogs that are imported from regions of the world where screwworm is considered to exist to be inspected and, if necessary, treated for screwworm. As of the effective date of this rule, horses, ruminants, swine, and dogs may be imported into the United States from the regions where screwworm is considered to exist only if they are inspected and, if necessary, treated for screwworm according to the conditions outlined in the full text of this interim rule for each type of animal.

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): This action is necessary to prevent the introduction of screwworm into the United States.
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: APHIS is taking this action in accordance with Chapter 3.1.8 of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Animal Health Code.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 65 FR 67617, 13 November 2000 (Available in English)
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 13 November 2000
11.	<p>Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments: This interim rule is effective 13 November 2000. APHIS invites your comments and will consider all comments received by 12 January 2001.</p> <p>[X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>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:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">United States SPS Enquiry Point/Notification Authority: USDA/FAS/FSTSD ATTN: Carolyn F. Wilson Room 5545 South Agriculture Building Stop 1027 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250 Tel: (202) 720-2239 Fax: (202) 690-0677 E-mail: ofsts@fas.usda.gov</p>