

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | <b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>CANADA</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>   |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada   |
| 3. | <b>Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Live bovine animals, bovine semen, bovine embryos, products and by-products containing bovine material, meat of bovine origin, animal and pet-food, cell lines, veterinary biologics  |
| 4. | <b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Proposed Zoosanitary Import Policies Pertaining to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) (4 pages)  |
| 5. | <b>Description of content:</b> Conditions that countries will have to demonstrate they meet in order to export bovine commodities into Canada.  |
| 6. | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> Protection of animal health and prevention of the introduction of BSE into Canada   |
| 7. | <b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [ ].</b><br><br><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:</b> The following general conditions are in addition to OIE (Office International des Epizooties) requirements:<br><br>- The country of origin must have reported no cases of BSE in native, domestic ruminants in the preceding six years.<br><br>- Countries importing breeding cattle in the preceding six years, from countries that have reported cases of BSE in native ruminants in the preceding six years, must annually investigate the BSE status of the herd of origin of the imported animal(s). If BSE is confirmed in the herd of origin appropriate actions in accordance with the eradication policy must be effected. |

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| 8.  | <b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Draft Zoosanitary Import Policies Pertaining to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (available in English)   |
| 9.  | <b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 31 December 1996   |
| 10. | <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 31 December 1996   |
| 11. | <b>Final date for comments:</b> Although the proposed import policies are already in force, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada encourages interested parties to provide input. Comments will be accepted until 1 March 1997.<br><br><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> National Enquiry Point |
| 12. | <b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:  |