

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
3.	<b>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).</b> Rendered animal protein products. <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Any country that is not recognized by Canada as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) free.
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Importation Suspension on Rendered Animal Protein Products (1 page).
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> As of 7 December 2000, the CFIA is suspending the importation of rendered animal protein products including blood meal and feather meal, from any species including porcine or avian from all countries that CFIA does not recognize free of BSE. This applies to all end uses including those for aquaculture. Any products containing the above-mentioned products are also affected by these measures. Any existing import permits for these products are suspended. The CFIA is taking this emergency action to prevent potentially cross-contaminated products entering Canada.  The suspension is part of Canada's measures to prevent the introduction of BSE into Canada. Canada prohibits the importation of live ruminants, ruminant meat and meat products from countries that the CFIA does not recognize as free of BSE. CFIA bases all decisions regarding imports on sound science. Before the CFIA recognizes a country as BSE free, the exporting country must complete an animal health questionnaire and a risk assessment is conducted.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s):</b> This action is necessary on an emergency basis to prevent the introduction of BSE into Canada.
8.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> CFIA is taking this action in accordance with Chapter 2.3.13 of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) International Animal Health Code.

<b>9.</b>	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> 7 December 2000, Import Suspension Statement, Animal Health and Production Division, CFIA (English and French)
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 7 December 2000
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> [ ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: