

# 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>REPUBLIC OF LATVIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b> Ministry of Agriculture
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Food and Veterinary Service
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>  1. Sheep, goat, cattle and other ruminants 2. Slaughter products of sheep, goat, cattle and other ruminants, as well as production obtained from mentioned animals 3. Feedingstuffs (excepting pet, fur animals and fish feed) which contain protein of animal origin (excepting milk and fish protein)  <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Austria
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Chief State Food and Veterinary Inspector Order No 344 (17.12.2001) "Temporary derogation of import from Austria" (1 page)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> Temporary ban of import and movement of animal species susceptible to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, as well as above-mentioned products and by-products.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ X ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ X ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests To prevent the introduction of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) from countries affected by this disease.
7.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s):</b> Protection of human health and provision of food safety in the country.
8.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> [ ]. <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> Measures based on the International Animal Health Code Section 2.3., Chapter 2.3.13.
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Available in Latvian
10.	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 17 December 2001

- 11. Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:**  
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