

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>MOROCCO</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Agricultural Development
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Live bovine animals, bovine meat and offal, products obtained from slaughtered bovine animals capable of entering the human or animal food chain and intended for the animal by-product industry, products of the bovine animal by-product industry intended for medical, cosmetic or pharmaceutical use, flours and meals of meat or bones of mammals.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Ministry of Agriculture and Agricultural Development Order No. 738-96 Banning the Entry of Live Bovine Animals, Animal Feeding Stuffs, Animal Products and Animal Reproduction Products from Bovine Animals Originating in or Coming from Specified Countries (2 pages).
5.	Description of content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ban on entry of the animals and products listed in point 3 above from the United Kingdom;- Ban on entry of the products listed in point 3 above from France, Germany, Switzerland, Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Canada, Denmark and Oman.
6.	Objective and rationale: In view of the possible link between Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease and the consumption of foods containing products derived from bovine animals infected with BSE, the Livestock Directorate has assessed the potential risk posed by animals and products imported from countries where cases of BSE have been detected and has taken the preventive measures set out in the above-mentioned order.
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): The objective is to protect Morocco's health situation with respect to BSE in view of the latest discoveries made in this connection as published by the World Health Organization.

8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: Adoption of measures not yet covered by regulations of international organizations since this is a new disease.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ministry of Agriculture and Agricultural Development Order No. 738-96 of 18 April 1996, published in the Official Bulletin No. 4374 of 2 May 1996, page 201.
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 18 April 1996
11.	Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Mise en Valeur agricole Direction de l'Elevage Quartier administratif Rabat-Chella Royaume du Maroc Tel: 212(7) 76-50-77 Fax: 212(7) 76-44-04