

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Industrial Board Poultry Trade and Industry
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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Fresh poultry meat.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Decree implementing the taking of specimens from the scruff of the neck 1999.
5.	Description of content: The measures for industrially processing poultry have been further detailed in the ordinance referred to under point 8. The latter specifies, <i>inter alia</i> , that the status regarding the presence of the said micro-organisms is known of all batches of poultry. This is vital in order to prevent cross-infection. The decree implementing the taking of specimens from the scruff of the neck 1999 contains regulations for taking specimens from the scruff of the neck in order to establish the bacterial infection level of poultry following slaughter.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ordinance on hygiene regulations within the poultry-processing industry 1997 (BPI).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 6 October 1999
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 November 1999
11.	Final date for comments: 6 October 1999 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
12.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: