

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>THE NETHERLANDS</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries
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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Animal feed
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Amendment V to the Animal Feed Decree on GMP standards within the animal feed sector 1997.
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> Animal feed companies may gain voluntary recognition on the basis of the Animal Feed Ordinance on the GMP Recognition Regulation within the animal feed sector 1992 and are then required to meet additional quality requirements. The Animal Feed Decree on GMP standards within the animal feed sector 1997 contains the quality standards products included within the framework of GMP. The said decree contains the clause that, in accordance with Decision 96/449/E, GMP-recognized compound feed and premix manufacturers may only collect animal proteins from mammals which have undergone special treatment (133 degrees C, 20 minutes, 3 bar). The present amendment to the decree relaxes this clause as far as pet-food manufacturers are concerned. Subject to conditions, GMP-recognized preparers of pet foods may collect animal proteins (from mammals) which have not undergone the treatment of 133 degrees C, 20 minutes and 3 bars. The conditions pertain to keeping separate heated and non-heated proteins for the entire course of the manufacturing process in the compound feed company and not using non-heating proteins on production lines on which feeds for ruminants are produced. The Decree also contains requirements regarding proteins originating from mammals for the purpose of GMP-recognized storage and transshipment companies. The requirement included in the decree that these companies must feature on the list of known processing companies of low and high-risk materials has been dropped. Proof that the animal proteins intended for processing in ruminant feeds have been used in accordance with European regulations must be submitted by means of documents required by Decision 97/735/EC.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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  The Animal Feed decree on GMP standards within the animal feed sector 1997 prescribes, in addition to the requirements pursuant to the relevant European legislation requirements to be met by animal-feed preparers and traders affiliated to the GMP with regard to the handling of animal proteins. The aim of these regulations is to prevent the spreading of BSE pathogens in feeds intended for ruminants. Meanwhile, a relaxation of additional requirements has proved possible. This is the purpose of the present decree.

<b>7.</b>	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [ X ]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Animal Feed Ordinance on the GMP Recognition Regulation within the animal feed sector 1992 with amendments I to IV</li> <li>- Industrial Organization Act</li> <li>- Ordinance establishing arable marketing boards</li> <li>- The Animal Feed Decree on GMP standards within the animal feed sector 1997</li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 17 June 1999
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 17 June 1999
<b>11.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <b>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:
<b>12.</b>	<b>Texts available from:</b> [ ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: