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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
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). Cattle meat products for human consumption Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Argentina
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Revocation of import health standard (1 page)
5.	Description of content: The import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of cattle meat products for human consumption from Argentina has been revoked.
6.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): Following an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Argentina, the import health standard was revoked as it did not include adequate safeguards against foot-and-mouth disease. Therefore, the importation of cattle meat products from Argentina has been suspended.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: Higher level of sanitary protection than would be achieved by measures based on the <i>OIE International Animal Health Code: Mammals, Birds and Bees</i> .
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Import health standard for the importation into New Zealand of cattle meat products for human consumption from Argentina (14 September 1999).
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 24 August 2000

- 11. Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:**
[X] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

Comments to Barbara Christensen, National Adviser International Trade, Animal Biosecurity group, Biosecurity Authority, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Phone: (+64) 4 498 9807, Facsimile (+64) 4 474 4133, E-mail : christensenb@maf.govt.nz

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