

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SWITZERLAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Swiss Federal Veterinary Office, CH-3097 Liebefeld-Berne
3.	<b>Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> 0202, 0511, 1601, 1602, 2309, Chapter 30
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Amendment to the Animal Health Ordinance (4 pages, available in German, French and Italian)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> The following organs or tissues may not be used for human food, animal feed, production of drugs; (a) brains, spinal cords, eyes, tonsils, thymus, spleens and intestines from bovines over 6 months; (b) brains, spinal cords, eyes, tonsils, thymus, and intestines from ovines and caprines over 6 months; (c) spleens of ovines and caprines regardless of their age. Heads and vertebrate columns of bovines, ovines and caprines of any age may not be used for the production of mechanically deboned meat. Mammalian fat to be used for the production of animal feed must be heat treated (133 C/20 min.). Mammalian bones to be used for the production of animal feed must be heat treated (133 C/3 bar/20 min.).
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> Prevention of BSE/Protection of human health and safety
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [ X ].</b> <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:</b> In general, the proposed amendment is in compliance with the recommendations contained in Chapter 3.2.13 and Appendix 4.3.3 of the International Animal Health Code. It goes beyond OIE recommendations regarding fat and organs and tissues from sheep and goats.
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1st trimester 1998
<b>11.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 1 December 1997  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b>
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