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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA)
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). Bovine animals, swine and other susceptible species, products and by-products that pose a risk of transmitting Foot and Mouth Disease Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Argentina, France and the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: ICA Resolution 0474 of 20 March 2001, temporarily suspending the issuance of licences or animal health documentation for the import of bovine animals, swine and other susceptible species, products and by-products that pose a risk of transmitting Foot and Mouth Disease from Argentina, France and the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) (3 pages)
5.	Description of content: (a) Suspension of licences and animal health documentation for the import of bovine animals, swine and other susceptible species, products and by-products that pose a risk of transmitting Foot and Mouth Disease; (b) The suspension will remain in force for a minimum of (2) two months, to assess prior knowledge of official information, control measures implemented in the countries affected and the risks for the country; (c) Suspension for a period of (2) two months of licences and animal health documentation issued before the current Resolution came into force, in order to analyse the facts that gave rise to the afore-mentioned decision.
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): Outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease in Argentina, France and the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: Measures based on OIE International Animal Health Code
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Andean Community Law 395 of 1997 and Resolution 447 of 1997

10.	Proposed date of entry into force: Immediate
11.	Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: <u>National Enquiry Point:</u> Ministerio de Desarrollo Económico Dirección de Comercio y Promoción de la Competencia Carrera 13 No 28 – 01, piso 7o Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Tel: (571) 3505500 Ext. 1700 Fax: (571) 3509564 E-mail: normalizacion01@mindesa.gov.co <u>O Dirección y número de telefax de otra institución:</u> Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario Grupo de Análisis de Riesgos Agropecuarios Calle 37 No 8 – 23 Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Tel: (571) 2324692 Fax: (571) 2324695 E-mail: Subprev@impsat.net.co