

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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): Fresh poultry meat, live poultry, eggs for hatching and consumption and other meat products of avian origin
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Province of British Columbia (Canada) and other disease-affected provinces.
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA) Resolution No. 00354 of 26 February 2004 Adopting Health-Related Measures to Prevent the Introduction into Colombia of Avian Influenza (2 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: Imports are suspended for a period of three months, during which time the ICA will review updated information in order to assess the risk of the disease being introduced into Colombia. Animal health import documents that were issued prior to the date of this Resolution and have not become effective are invalidated immediately.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: According to information submitted to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), an outbreak of avian influenza has been recorded at a poultry farm in the Province of British Columbia, Canada.
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Andean Community Resolution No. 447 of 1997 (available in Spanish).
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): Upon publication in the Official Journal / three (3) calendar months.

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

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- 13. Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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