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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission - Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Mammalian animal waste
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Decision on the approval of alternative heat treatment systems for processing animal waste with a view to the inactivation of spongiform encephalopathy agents (8 pages)
5.	Description of content: Adoption of minimum standards for the processing of animal waste in order to inactivate TSE agents.
6.	Objective and rationale: Protection of animal health
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: The approach follows the recommendation from WHO, of 2-3 April 1996, and advice from the EC's Scientific Veterinary Committee.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: VI/1886/96 Rev.6 Will be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption:

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10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 18 July 1996 The draft provides for a transitional period prior to its full implementation on 1 April 1997. Ninety days after adoption, all necessary measures will be taken to ensure that materials obtained by methods not achieving the parameters set out in the Decision are used in a way which avoids the risk of transmitting BSE and/or scrapie.
11.	Final date for comments: 1 September 1996 Agency or authority designated to handle comments:
12.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: