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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection (SANCO)
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). Birds (animals of avian species) other than "poultry" (i.e. not covered by Article 2, number 1, of Council Directive 90/539/EEC, OJ L303, 31/10/1990, page 6) excluding pet birds accompanying their owner and birds for zoos, circuses, amusement parks, experimental laboratories and for educational and entertainment purposes. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Third countries exporting birds to the European Communities which are members of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) and comply with the general requirements of the section on veterinary ethics and certification for international trade.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: : Draft Commission decision laying down the animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the import of birds, other than poultry, and the conditions for quarantine (Document SANCO/1295/2000-Rev.2 (16 pages)
5.	Description of content: The aim of this draft decision is to establish specific requirements for quarantine, a model health certificate, testing procedures and control measures in the case of positive findings of avian influenza or Newcastle disease during quarantine.
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.	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: This proposal conforms to requirements set by the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) on veterinary ethics and certification for international trade.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: European Commission document SANCO/1295/2000-Rev.2 (Available in all EC languages)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 8 September 2000
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2001

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| 11. | Final date for comments: 27 July 2000
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