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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources, Veterinary Services Division
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): All importation of live poultry and pigs including their frozen and chilled products intended for consumption, animal feed, agricultural use and industrial use
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: South Africa
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Suspension of import of live poultry and pig as well as their chilled and frozen products (available in English, 2 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Division of Veterinary Services suspends with immediate effect the importation of live poultry and pigs as well as their frozen and chilled products intended for human consumption, animal feed, agricultural use and industrial use from the Republic of South Africa.
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 reason for urgent action: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus has been reported in ostriches in South Africa. This disease has never been reported in Mauritius. Given the significant importance of the local poultry in Mauritius, the Veterinary Services Division has decided to suspend the importation of live poultry and pork as well as their frozen and chilled products intended for human consumption, animal feed, agricultural use and industrial use from the Republic of South Africa with immediate effect so as to prevent the risk of introducing this virus in Mauritius. The emergency import restriction measures will be reviewed on the basis of health status and information on disease control measures provided by the relevant authorities of South Africa.
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: English
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 1 August 2004
12.	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Ministry of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources Plant Pathology and Quarantine Division Reduit, Mauritius Tel: +230 464 4872 Fax: +230 465 9591 Email: plpath@intnet.mu , moa-pathology@mail.gov.mu