

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| 1.  | <b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| 2.  | <b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Health & Consumer Protection Directorate   |
| 3.  | <b>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).</b> Ware potatoes CN Code 0701.90 <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Egypt  |
| 4.  | <b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Commission Decision amending Decision 96/301/EC authorizing member States temporarily to take emergency measures against the dissemination of <i>Pseudomonas solanacearum</i> (Smith) Smith as regards Egypt (3 pages)  |
| 5.  | <b>Description of content:</b> Emergency measures to prevent the introduction of <i>Pseudomonas solanacearum</i> (Smith) Smith (Potato brownrot) into the European Communities in potatoes originating in Egypt from pest-free areas which have been approved in Egypt in accordance with the FAO-ISPM, No   |
| 6.  | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests   |
| 7.  | <b>Nature of the urgent problem(s):</b> Interceptions of <i>Pseudomonas solanacearum</i> (Smith) Smith in potatoes originating in Egypt have been recorded. With a view to ensuring more efficient protection of potato crops in the European Communities against the said pathogen, additional emergency measures are necessary based and established in Egypt on the concept of "pest-free areas". |
| 8.  | <b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> .<br><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>   |
| 9.  | <b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Official Journal L 238, 22 September 2000, page 59   |
| 10. | <b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 8 September 2000  |
| 11. | <b>Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Eur-Lex at <a href="http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/index.html">http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/index.html</a>          |