

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: Spanish

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>PANAMA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agricultural Development
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). Bovine, ovine and caprine animals and their products, by-products and protein derivatives. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: European Community countries affected by outbreaks of BSE and scrapie.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Resolution ALP-015-ADM-2001, updating Resolution ALP-009-ADM of 2 May 1996. Prohibits the import of bovine, caprine and ovine animals and their products, by-products and derivatives from countries affected by bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and scrapie (3 pages).
5.	Description of content: Prohibits the import of any protein derivatives with ruminant products or foodstuffs that might contain such derivatives from countries affected by BSE and scrapie, Official Gazette 24,257 of Friday 9 March 2001.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" 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. Protection of human and animal health
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): Possibility of animals on national territory becoming infected.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify differences: There are no deviations from international standards or guidelines.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Available in Spanish from the enquiry points notified by Panama.
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 5 February 2001

11. Texts available from/agency or authority designated to handle comments: []
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and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

Authority designated to handle comments

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