

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

G/SPS/N/SVK/10

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## Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

### NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Central Agricultural Inspecting and Testing Institute
3.	<b>Products covered (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
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Phytoquarantine Measures for Potatoes Import (3 pages, available in English).
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> The aim of this measure is to provide protection of national territory against dangerous bacterial diseases of potatoes - namely bacterial ring rot ( <i>Clavibacter michiganensis, spp. sepedonicum</i> ) and brown rot of potatoes ( <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> ). Conditions for permitting import are specified in the document. Previous measure concerning imports of potatoes (G/SPS/N/SVK/9) becomes obsolete by imposing present measure.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> Safeguard against quarantine pest organisms
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [ X ].</b> <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:</b>
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> a) Law No.285/95 of the Slovak Republic on plant health care; b) the measure was notified to all importers of the relevant commodities, neighbour countries, EU and EPPO bodies; c) Notification G/SPS/N/SVK/9 - Phytoquarantine Measures for Import of Potatoes (previous document).
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 20 March 1998
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 20 March 1998
11.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> comments concerning the measure are welcome  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b>
12.	<b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: