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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic/State Veterinary Administration of the Slovak Republic
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): The regulation applies to the import and transit of live cattle, sheep and their products, embryos, meat-and-bone meal presented in the Customs Tariff under the following numbers: 0102, 0104, 0401-0406, 0201, 0202, 0204, 05111000, 05119950, 05119980, 150200, 02109090, 350300, 23011000
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Letter of Order of the Director-General of the State Veterinary Administration of the Slovak Republic Nr.4/1996 dated 2 July 1996 (2 pages) Letter of the State Veterinary Administration of the Slovak Republic Nr.4025/1998-100 from 24 June 1998 which cancels part of the Letter of Order Nr.4/1996 concerning transit of all categories of live cattle and sheep through the territory of the Slovak Republic, valid from 24 June 1998 (1 page)
5.	Description of content: Measures on import and transit of live animals and commodities subject to veterinary control issued in the Letter of Order of the Director-General of the State Veterinary Administration of the Slovak Republic Nr.4/1996 dated 2 July 1996 on the basis of Government Decrees of the Slovak Republic Nr.242 dated 2 April 1996 and Nr.458 dated 25 June 1996. The purpose of the measure is the prohibition of the import and transit of live animals and commodities subject to veterinary control from countries where bovine spongiform encephalopathy has occurred. Above-mentioned measures were modified by the Letter of the State Veterinary Administration of the Slovak Republic Nr.4025/1998-100 from 24 June 1998 which cancels part of the Letter of Order Nr.4/1996 concerning transit of all categories of live cattle and sheep through the territory of the Slovak Republic.
6.	Objective and rationale: The measures have been adopted with the aim to prevent introduction of BSE into the territory of the Slovak Republic. This disease has never occurred in the territory of the Slovak Republic.
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:

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8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Letter of Order of the Director-General of the State Veterinary Administration of the Slovak Republic Nr.4/1996 dated 2 July 1996 (2 pages) Letter of the State Veterinary Administration of the Slovak Republic Nr.4025/1998-100 from 24 June 1998 which cancels part of the Letter of Order Nr4/1996 concerning transit of all categories of live cattle and sheep through the territory of the Slovak Republic, valid from 24 June 1998 (1 page)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 24 June 1998
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 24 June 1998
11.	Final date for comments: Not applicable Agency or authority designated to handle comments: State Veterinary Administration of the Slovak Republic
12.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Štefanovičova 3, 810 05 Bratislava, Tel: 004217-362 669; Fax: 004217-397 886