

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>UNITED STATES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - APHIS
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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Cattle
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Cattle from Australia and New Zealand; Testing Exemption (3 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> APHIS is proposing to amend the regulations regarding the importation of cattle to exempt cattle imported from Australia from testing for brucellosis and tuberculosis prior to their export to the United States. We are also proposing to amend those regulations to exempt cattle imported from New Zealand from testing for brucellosis prior to their export to the United States. We have determined that cattle imported from Australia and New Zealand present a negligible risk of introducing brucellosis into the United States and that cattle imported from Australia present a negligible risk of introducing tuberculosis into the United States. This action would relieve certain testing requirements for cattle imported from Australia and New Zealand while continuing to protect against the introduction of communicable diseases of cattle into the United States.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> We believe this action is in accordance with international standards set by the Office International des Epizooties.
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> 66 FR 20211, 20 April 2001 (Available in English)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined.
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined.

**11. Final date for comments:** APHIS will consider all comments received by 19 June 2001.  
**Agency or authority designated to handle comments:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service [ ☐ ] **National notification authority,** [ ☐ ] **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.

**12. Texts available from:** [ X ] **National notification authority,** [ X ] **National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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