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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>BULGARIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Live swine, fresh pork meat, pork meat products, offal, skins and bristles from swine.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Italy and Portugal
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Order N°. RD 09-462 of 26 August 2004 (1 page); Order N°. RD 09-524 of 29 September 2004 amending Order N°. RD 09-462 of 26 August 2004 (1 page).
6.	Description of content: Prohibition on the imports of live swine, fresh meat, meat products, offal, skins and bristles from swine originating in the Republic of Italy and the Republic of Portugal, with the exception of products obtained from swine that have undergone a thermal or chemical treatment ensuring the destruction of the virus of the Swine Vesicular Disease and African Swine Fever. The prohibition on the imports of live swine, fresh meat, meat products, offal, skins and bristles from swine originating in the Republic of Portugal has been withdrawn due to the data provided with regard to the favourable epizootic situation.
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Vesicular Disease and African Swine Fever-related measure was taken due to the unfavourable epizootic situation in the Republic of Italy and the Republic of Portugal as a risk management measure to protect against the introduction of these diseases into the Republic of Bulgaria. Office International des Epizooties classifies the Vesicular disease and African swine fever in List A diseases as transmissible diseases that have the potential for very serious and rapid spread, irrespective of national borders, that are of serious socio-economic or public health consequence and that are of major importance in the international trade of animals and animal products.

<p>9. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: Respective recommendations of Chapter 2 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2004 Edition.</p>
<p>10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Order No. RD 09-462 of 26 August 2004, and Order No. RD 09-524 of 29 September 2004 amending Order No. RD 09-462 of 26 August 2004 were promulgated in State Gazette (Translation of the documents is available in English)</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 7 September 2004 (Order N°. RD 09-462 of 26 August 2004). As of 8 October 2004 the prohibition on the imports of live swine and swine products originating in the Republic of Portugal has been withdrawn.</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>National Veterinary Service 15A Pencho Slaveikov Blvd. 1606 Sofia, Bulgaria Tel: +359 2 952 1345 Fax: +359 2 954 9593 E-mail: Galia.Kostadinova@nvms.government.bg</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>National Veterinary Service 15A Pencho Slaveikov Blvd. 1606 Sofia, Bulgaria Tel: +359 2 952 1345 Fax: +359 2 954 9593 E-mail: Galia.Kostadinova@nvms.government.bg</p>