

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, General Administration of Quality Supervision and Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ)
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): Poultry and poultry products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: United States
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Joint Public Notice of Ministry of Agriculture and General Administration of Quality Supervision and Inspection Quarantine No.344
6.	Description of content: An avian influenza case (virus H7) was confirmed in a farm of Delaware in the United States on 6 February 2004. To prevent avian influenza virus from being introduced into China, China decided to temporarily suspend the entry of poultry and poultry products directly or indirectly from the United States, including those mailed or taken by travellers.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: To prevent avian influenza virus from being introduced into China.
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 If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 10 February 2004
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:
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: