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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA)
3.	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). Bovine animals, swine, other susceptible species and the products thereof that pose a risk of transmission of Type "O" and Type "A" Foot and Mouth Disease.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Ecuador
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Resolution No. 01175 of 29 May 2002 "Suspending the Issue of Animal Health Documents for the Import from Ecuador of Bovine Animals, Swine, Other Susceptible Species and the Products Thereof that Pose a Risk" (2 pages)
6.	Description of content: Temporarily suspends the issue of animal health documents for the import of bovine animals, swine, other susceptible species and the products thereof that pose a risk.
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 reasons for urgent action: According to reports received from the Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Centre and the Ecuadorian Agricultural Health Service (SESA), outbreaks of the Type "O" strain of Foot and Mouth Disease have occurred in the province of Esmeralda and Type "A" outbreaks have occurred in the province of Imbabura, Ecuador.
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <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: Recommendation by the Office International des Epizooties.
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Law 395 of 1997 declares that the eradication of Foot and Mouth Disease on national territory is in the national interest and is a health priority (in Spanish).

11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): Following publication in the Official Journal/(3) three months.
12.	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	<p>Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA) Agricultural Risks and International Affairs Analysis Group Calle 37 # 8-43, Oficina 409 Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Tel.: (571) 285-3485 Fax: (587) 232-4695 E-mail: analisis.riesgos@ica.gov.co Subprev@impsat.net.co Web site: http://www.ica.gov.co</p> <p>Ministry of Economic Development Directorate-General of Trade and Promotion of Competition Carrera 13 No. 28 – 01, piso 7° Bogotá, D.C., Colombia E-mail: normalizacion01@mindesa.gov.co Contact point: COLOMBIA@mindesa.gov.co Tel: (571) 3505500 Ext. 713 Fax: (571) 3509564</p>