

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SINGAPORE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Primary Production Department, Ministry of National Development
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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Meat and egg products. Meat including beef, pork, mutton and poultry
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Additional Certification Requirement for Meat and Egg Products from European countries
5.	Description of content: With immediate effect, all exports of meat and egg products from Europe to Singapore are suspended. European countries are required to provide additional assurance to Singapore that they have not imported feed from Belgium since 20 January 1999. Eligible European exporting countries shall provide additional certifications as follows: 1. That the meat described herein is derived from animals/birds which were not fed with feed imported from Belgium. 2. That the meat described herein is derived from animals/birds born and raised in (<u>name of country of export</u>). The additional certifications shall accompany every consignment.
6.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): To safeguard public health
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: Dioxin is a class one carcinogen. In 1998, WHO set a safe level of exposure of only 1-4 picograms per day.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 4 June 1999

- 11. Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments:**
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