

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - APHIS
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: Ruminants or swine and their products
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Change in Disease Status of KwaZulu-Natal Province in the Republic of South Africa Because of Rinderpest and Foot-and-Mouth Disease (2 pages)
5.	<p>Description of content: APHIS is amending the regulations governing the importation of certain animals, meat, and other animal products by removing KwaZulu-Natal, a province in the Republic of South Africa, from the list of regions considered to be free of rinderpest and foot-and-mouth disease. We are taking this action because the existence of foot-and-mouth disease has been confirmed there. The effect of this action is to prohibit or restrict the importation of any ruminant or swine and any fresh (chilled or frozen) meat and other products of ruminants or swine into the United States from KwaZulu-Natal.</p> <p>Although we are removing the province of KwaZulu-Natal from the list of regions considered to be free of rinderpest and FMD, we recognize that the National Department of Agriculture responded immediately to the detection of the disease by imposing restrictions on the movement of ruminants, swine, and ruminant and swine products from the affected area and initiating measures to eradicate the disease. At the time of publication of this interim rule, it appears that the outbreak is well controlled. Because of the National Department of Agriculture's efforts to ensure that FMD does not spread beyond the province of KwaZulu-Natal, we intend to reassess the situation in accordance with the standards of the OIE. As part of that reassessment process, we will consider all comments received on this interim rule.</p> <p>This future reassessment will determine whether it is necessary to continue to prohibit or restrict the importation of ruminants or swine and any fresh (chilled or frozen) meat and other products of ruminants or swine from KwaZulu-Natal, or whether we can restore the province of KwaZulu-Natal to the list of regions considered free of rinderpest and FMD.</p>
6.	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

7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): To prevent the introduction of FMD into the United States.
8.	<p>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [<input type="checkbox"/>].</p> <p>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give its appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: APHIS is taking this action in accordance with Articles 2.1.1 and 2.1.4 of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Animal Health Code.</p>
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 65 FR 65728, 2 November 2000 (Available in English)
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): This interim rule was effective 12 September 2000.
11.	<p>Texts available from/and agency or authority designated to handle comments: We invite you to comment. APHIS will consider all comments received by 2 January 2001.</p> <p>[<input type="checkbox"/>] National notification authority, [<input type="checkbox"/>] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>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 below:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"> United States SPS Enquiry Point/Notification Authority: USDA/FAS/FSTSD ATTN: Carolyn F. Wilson Room 5545 South Agriculture Building Stop 1027 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250 Tel: (202) 720-2239 Fax: (202) 690-0677 E-mail: ofsts@fas.usda.gov </p>