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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Health
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): Liver, fat, muscle and milk obtained from sheep, cattle, chickens and pigs
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any country importing food products into South Africa
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Regulations governing the maximum limits for veterinary medicine and stock remedy residues that may be present in foodstuffs (amendment)
6.	Description of content: An amendment proposed to: allow permissions for new MRLs and to amend existing MRLs set, as follows: 1. The <i>addition</i> of new maximum residue limits for: (a) Abamectin (b) Ceftiofur 2. The <i>amendment</i> of existing maximum residue limits for: (a) Azaperone (b) Danofloxacin
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input 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: The latest list of the "Codex Maximum Residue Limits for Veterinary Drugs" of the Codex Alimentarius Commission or in the Directives of the European Community.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Government Gazette No. 24154 dated 13 December 2002 (available inEnglish).

10. Proposed date of adoption: When the final amendments to the regulations are published in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before June 2003.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: On publication of the final regulations as published in the Government Gazette.
12. Final date for comments: 13 March 2003 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: Directorate: Food Control Department of Health Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001 SOUTH AFRICA Phone: +27-12-3120167 Fax: +27-12-3264374 E-mail: carolv@health.gov.za
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