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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>URUGUAY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries, General Directorate of Agricultural Services and General Directorate of Livestock Services
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Mammalian protein concentrates and bone meals for feeding ruminants and pets. Bovine animals, sheep, genetic material, products and by-products of both species.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Government Decree of 17 April 1996
5.	Description of content: Revision and amendment of the Registers of mammalian protein concentrates and bone meals for feeding ruminants and pets. Revision and strengthening of measures relating to the importation of live bovine animals and sheep, genetic material and products and by-products thereof.
6.	Objective and rationale: Protection of human and animal health. Temporary measure until more information is available and pending a general review of the situation regarding transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.
7.	Nature of the urgent problem(s): New information from the United Kingdom authorities concerning the probable link between bovine spongiform encephalopathy and Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease.
8.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: Need for a level of sanitary protection higher than that possible under the present recommendations of the IOE International Zoosanitary Code.

9.	Relevant documents: Recommendations of the World Health Organization concerning human and animal transmissible spongiform encephalopathies in the November 1991, May 1995 and April 1996 Reports.
10.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 16 April 1996
11.	Texts available from/comments to: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: Dirección General para Asuntos Económicos del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Fax: (5982) 91 74 13 Telephone: (5982) 92 06 18