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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Revision

1.	Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
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): Bovine origin products (ICS Codes: 65.020, 67.020, 67.040 and 67.120)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Import Policy for Bovine Animals and their Products and By-products Language: English and French Number of pages: 12 and 13, respectively
6.	Description of content: The notification amends Canada's BSE import policy for bovine animals and their products. There are a number of changes and additions to this directive. The main proposed changes are highlighted below. The proposed amendments take into account Canada's utilization of the OIE classification for country BSE risk categorization. The list of the BSE status of OIE members within the proposed import policy is that of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (May 2009). The list will be updated annually to reflect any changes in the status of OIE classification for country BSE risk categorization. The CFIA will not routinely carry out independent assessments regarding a country's BSE categorization. The proposed amendments also reflect the CFIA and Health Canada's legislative and policy requirements for the removal of Specified Risk Material (SRM) from all cattle at slaughter. SRM is any of the skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia, eyes, tonsils, spinal cord and dorsal root ganglia of cattle aged 30 months or older, and the distal ileum of cattle of all ages. All removed SRM are to be diverted away from the products for human consumption and from the animal food supply. The requirement to remove all SRM from cattle does not apply to products originating from a country that is designated as having negligible risk of BSE.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>) OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Chapter 11.6) http://www.oie.int/eng/normes/mcode/en_chapitre_1.11.6.htm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Recognition of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Status of Members, Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE (May 2009) (available in English, French and Spanish) http://www.oie.int/eng/info/en_statesb.htm?e1d6 (English) http://www.oie.int/fr/info/fr_statesb.htm (French) http://www.oie.int/esp/info/es_statesb.htm (Spanish)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 13 August 2010</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 August 2010</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 June 2010</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Dr. Ann Allain Senior Staff Veterinarian Imports Products & By-products Import/Export Tel: +(613) 221 4136 Fax: +(613) 228 6630 E-mail: ann.allain@inspection.gc.ca</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The electronic version of the BSE Import Policy can be downloaded at: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2010/sps/CAN/10_1589_00_e.pdf (English) http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2010/sps/CAN/10_1589_00_f.pdf (French)</p>