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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>MACAO, CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau
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): Bovines, their meat and meat products, organs and viscera, meat and bone-meat from bovines and other derivatives from the said animals; whatever for consumption or industry. The following commodities are without restriction: (a) Milk and milk products; (b) Semen and in vivo derived cattle embryos collected and handled in accordance with the recommendations of the International Embryo Transfer Society; (c) Protein-free tallow (maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight) and derivatives made from this tallow; (d) Dicalcium phosphate (with no trace of protein or fat); (e) Hides and skins; (f) Gelatin and collagen prepared exclusively from hides and skins.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: United States of America
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Chief Executive Decision No. 318/2003 (one page)
6.	Description of content: For the public health and food safety, the Macao Special Administrative Region has imposed a temporary suspension on the importation of bovines meat and other derivatives from the said animals which suffered from or was suspected to suffer from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Based on the reported case of BSE in the United States and in order to safeguard public health, the Macao Special Administrative Region has imposed a temporary suspension on the importation referred on item 3 above from the United States with effective date on 26 December 2003.

<p>9. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <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:</p>
<p>10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Macao Special Administrative Region Bulletin No. 51 dated the 23 December 2003, available in Chinese and Portuguese.</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 26 December 2003</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>13. Texts available from: <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:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">SPS Enquiry Point: Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau Avenida Almeida Ribeiro 163 Macao Tel. No: +(853) 51 59 52 Fax: +(853) 51 93 03 E-mail/Internet: shung@iacm.gov.mo vhleung@iacm.gov.mo</p>