

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>INDIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
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): Domestic and wild birds including captive birds, day-old chicks, ducks, turkey and other newly-hatched avian species, hatching eggs, eggs and egg products, semen of domestic and wild birds, meat and meat products from avian species including wild birds, feathers, products of avian origin intended for use in animal feeding or for agricultural or industrial use, live pigs and pig meat products, pathological material and biological products from birds
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners exporting products mentioned under item 3 to India
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Notification no. S.O.155 (E)/ F . No.109-3/2004-Trade dated 3 February 2004 (one page)
6.	Description of content: Prohibits, for a period of six months, the imports of domestic/wild birds and their products (as given against S. no.3 above) from all countries in wake of outbreak of Avian Influenza.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" 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 To ensure food safety and protect domestic and wild birds from Avian Influenza, which is not reported in the country.
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus is not prevalent in India. The urgent action has been taken to prevent the ingress of this virus to protect the human health as well as the health of poultry in India.
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:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The Gazette of India Extraordinary PART II – Section 3 – Sub-Section (ii) (Available in English and Hindi)
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 3 February 2004

- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

- 13. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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