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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

- 1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Directorate Animal Health, National Department of Agriculture
- 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): Live pigs, pig genetic material, pork (fresh and processed), and all pork products and by-products. Processed pig products including: (i) meat treated to inactivate the Classical Swine Fever virus according to Article 3.6.4.2 of the OIE Animal Health Code 2005 Edition, and (ii) fully mounted trophies, salted hides, or tusks dipped in formalin that have been suitably treated and disinfected, are all excluded.
- **4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** All trading partners
- 5. **Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:** Temporary suspension of exportation of live pigs, pig genetic material, pork (fresh and processed) and all pork products and by-products from South Africa due to outbreaks of Classical Swine Fever (Available in English, 2 pages).
- 6. **Description of content:** Following the reported outbreaks of Classical Swine Fever in South Africa, it is deemed necessary for South Africa to prevent spread of the disease to other countries. The exportation of live pigs, pig genetic material, pork (fresh and processed) and all pork products and by-products is temporarily suspended. This suspension will remain in place until results from a country-wide surveillance for Classical Swine Fever are available. Processed pig products including: (i) meat treated to inactivate the Classical Swine Fever virus according to Article 3.6.4.2 of the OIE Animal Health Code 2005 Edition, and (ii) fully mounted trophies, salted hides, or tusks dipped in formalin that have been suitably treated and disinfected, are all excluded from this notification.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection,
 [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests To control possible spread of Classical Swine Fever to other countries and protect the animal health and pork industry in trading partner countries.
- 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: This is an emergency measure to protect the animal health and pork industry in trading partner countries.

9. International standard, guideline or recommendation:

[] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [] International Plant Protection Convention, [] 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: None

11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): Effective 23 August 2005

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

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