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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

- 1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Directorate Animal Health
- **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):** Live cattle to be imported from Zimbabwe
- **4. Title and number of pages of the notified document:** Cattle from Zimbabwe: Theileria parva bovis testing
- **5. Description of content:** The import conditions for live cattle from Zimbabwe is being amended to include a negative test for Theileria parva spp. In all live cattle to be imported from Zimbabwe to South Africa. The reason for this is the fact that cattle may be carriers of the disease and the fact that the vector of the disease occurs in South Africa.
- 6. **Objective and rationale:** Prevention of introduction of exotic disease
- 7. An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [].

If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: This notification is in accordance with Article 3.2.11.1 of the OIE Code.

- 8. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Inquiries may be directed to the Director, Animal Health of South Africa.
- 9. **Proposed date of adoption:** 1 December 1998
- **10. Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 December 1998. Immediate implementation of the measures is required since the incidence of the disease and the presence of potential vectors increase dramatically every summer.
- **11. Final date for comments:** 31 January 1999

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Directorate Animal Health, National Department of Agriculture, Private Bag X138, Pretoria 0001, South Africa; e-mail: permits@veth1.agric.za

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