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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| 1. | Notifying Member: <u>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. | Agency responsible: <i>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario, ICA</i> (Colombian Agricultural Institute) |
| 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): Wild birds and ornamental birds |
| 4. | Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Friuli-Venezia Giulia (Sesto al Reghena, Pordenone), Italy |
| 5. | Title of the notified document: <i>Resolución N° 003696 del 21 de septiembre de 2011 del Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario - ICA "Por medio de la cual se suspende la importación a Colombia de aves silvestres y ornamentales procedentes de Italia por presencia de Fiebre del Nilo Occidental"</i> (Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA) Resolution No. 003696 of 21 September 2011 "suspending the importation into Colombia of wild and ornamental birds from Italy following outbreaks of West Nile fever") Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 2 Text available online at: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/sps/COL/11_3132_00_s.pdf |
| 6. | Description of content: Suspension of imports into Colombia of wild and ornamental birds from Italy for a period of six (6) months following outbreaks of West Nile fever; Assessment of the risk of introduction of the disease into Colombia; Suspension of applications; Notification and entry into force. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale: <input 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. | Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) report of 15 September 2011 notified an outbreak of West Nile fever in Friuli-Venezia Giulia (Sesto al Reghena, Pordenone), Italy. |

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| 9. | <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>)</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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p> |
| 10. | <p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Not applicable</p> |
| 11. | <p>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): From 21 September 2011, the date of publication in Official Journal No. 48.199, for a period of six (6) months.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p> |
| 12. | <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Servicio Nacional de Información Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo Dirección de Regulación Calle 28 N° 13A - 15, tercer piso Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Tel.: +(57-1) 606-4775 Fax: +(57-1) 606-4777</p> <p>or</p> <p>Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario - ICA Subgerencia de Regulación Sanitaria y Fitosanitaria Dirección Técnica de Asuntos Internacionales Carrera 41 # 17 - 81, Piso 4, Oficina 411 (Zona Industrial - Puente Aranda) Bogotá, D.C., Colombia Tel.: +(57-1) 332-3700, Ext. 1515 Fax: +(57-1) 288-4800 Website: http://www.ica.gov.co/</p> |

13. Texts available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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