



Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>FRANCE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Direction générale de l'Alimentation</i> (Directorate-General for Food) - <i>Ministère de l'agriculture et de l'alimentation</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Food)
<b>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):</b> Meat and meat products from animals from non-EU countries that have been treated with antimicrobial medicinal products to promote growth or increase yield
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> <i>Arrêté du 21 février 2022 portant suspension d'introduction, d'importation et de mise sur le marché en France de viandes et produits à base de viande issus d'animaux provenant de pays tiers à l'Union européenne ayant reçu des médicaments antimicrobiens pour favoriser la croissance ou augmenter le rendement</i> NOR: AGRG2204394A (Order of 21 February 2022 suspending the entry and importation into France, and the placing on the market in France, of meat and meat products from animals from non-EU countries that have been treated with antimicrobial medicinal products to promote growth or increase yield (NOR: AGRG2204394A)) <b>Language(s):</b> French <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/FRA/22_2972_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/FRA/22_2972_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/FRA/22_2972_01_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/FRA/22_2972_01_f.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Ban, for one year from the date of entry into force of the above-mentioned Order of 21 February 2022, on the entry and importation into France, and the placing on the market in France, of meat and meat products from animals that have been treated with antimicrobial medicinal products to promote growth or increase yield, under Article 107.2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on veterinary medicinal products and repealing Directive 2001/82/EC.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> In response to the global challenge posed by the risk of development of antimicrobial resistance to medicinal products, Regulation (EU) 2019/6 on veterinary medicinal products, which entered into force on 28 January 2022, imposes a ban on the use of antibiotics to promote growth or increase yield by operators established in the EU, as well as by operators in third countries where their animals or products are exported to the EU.

Pending the application of all the measures for the implementation of this Regulation, the Ministerial Order of 21 February 2022 partially expands on a number of dispositions of Article 118 thereof.

The national measure thus prohibits the importation into France, and the placing on the market in France, of meat and meat products from animals that have been treated with antimicrobial medicinal products to promote growth or increase yield. Food and feed business operators must implement reasonable diligence measures to that end.

The notice of 26 February 2022 to importers regarding the ban on the importation into France, and the placing on the market in France, of meat and meat products from animals that have been treated with antimicrobial medicinal products to promote growth or increase yield (Official Journal of 26 February 2022) sets out operators' obligations.

These provisions do not apply to meat and meat products acquired by the importer or marketer within the two months after the entry into force of the Order (until 22 April 2022).

**9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**

**Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):** CXC 61-2005 - Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Antimicrobial Resistance

**World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):** Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Chapter 6.9 - Monitoring of the quantities and usage patterns of antimicrobial agents used in food-producing animals; Chapter 6.10 - Responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in veterinary medicine)

**International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):**

**None**

**Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**

Yes  No

**If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**

**10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

**11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):** 22 April 2022

**Trade facilitating measure**

**12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:  National Notification Authority,  National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**

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