

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEPAL</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Department of Agriculture
3.	<b>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> All live birds and their products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Any country from where avian influenza (bird flu) is reported.
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Gazette of His Majesty's Government, Section 55, Number 46, 6 March 2006 (Available in Nepali, 1 page).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Notice of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives regarding the prohibition of import of live birds and their products (processed and unprocessed) and poultry production materials (processed and unprocessed) from any country including India where avian influenza (bird flu) is reported by OIE.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action:</b> The emergency measure prohibiting import of live birds and their products is required to protect the country from entry of avian influenza.
9.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <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 <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
10.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> His Majesty's Government of Nepal is authorized to issue such notice by the "Animal Health and Livestock Services Act, 1998" (section 10). The original document is in Nepali language and English translation is available (hard copy only).

<p><b>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 6 March 2006. It will be applicable till further notice.</p>
<p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Agri-business Promotion and Statistics Division Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu Phone: (+9771) 4228137 Fax : (+9771) 4225825 E-mail: <a href="mailto:wtosection@gmail.com">wtosection@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Dr. Krishna Bahadur Shrestha Joint Secretary Agri-business Promotion and Statistics Division Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Kathmandu His Majesty's Government of Nepal Phone: (+9771) 4228137 Fax : (+9771) 4225825 E-mail: <a href="mailto:wtosection@gmail.com">wtosection@gmail.com</a>, <a href="mailto:kbsrestha@moac.gov.np">kbsrestha@moac.gov.np</a></p>