

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Directorate Animal Health, National Department of Agriculture
<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> Live ostrich, live poultry and other birds, all ostrich and poultry products.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All trading partners
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Complete lifting of ban of exportation of live ostriches, live poultry and other birds, and ostrich and poultry products from South Africa, due to eradication and declared freedom from Notifiable Avian Influenza (Available in English, 2 pages).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Following the reported outbreaks of Notifiable Avian Influenza (NAI) in ostriches in South Africa in 2004, it was deemed necessary for South Africa to suspend exportation of live ostriches, live poultry and other birds, and ostrich and poultry products to prevent spread of the disease to other countries. South Africa has now declared itself free of Notifiable Avian Influenza according to the guidelines set by the International Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on the basis of a successful control and eradication campaign as demonstrated by the results obtained during an extensive country-wide survey in ostriches and chickens during August 2005. The ban on exportation of live ostriches, live poultry and other birds, and ostrich and poultry products is now lifted completely. It should be noted however that the actual export conditions still depend on the requirements of each importing country. Surveillance testing will also be carried out in ostrich and chicken flocks at 6 monthly intervals to confirm South Africa's ongoing disease-free trading status for NAI.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ X ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests To resume exportation of live ostrich, live poultry and other birds and ostrich and poultry products to all trading partner countries.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action:</b> To allow immediate resumption of trade in ostrich, poultry, other birds and associated products.

<b>9. 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>
<b>10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None
<b>11. Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> Effective 10 September 2005
<b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:  Dr BM Modisane, Senior Manager Animal Health, Directorate of Animal Health, Department of Agriculture, Private Bag X138., Pretoria, 0001, SOUTH AFRICA. Tel: +27-12-319 7615; Fax: +27-12-329 7218; E-mail: <a href="mailto:smah@nda.agric.za">smah@nda.agric.za</a>
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