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### Government Notifications

#### ANIMAL DISEASES ACT, No. 59 OF 1992

##### Restriction on Import of Animals, Animals Products and Specified Risk Materials (SRM)

THE Department of Animal Production and Health (DAHP) is in the process of obtaining “ Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Free ” status which will promote and also encourage export of livestock products from Sri Lanka and ensure Food Safety. Therefore, we wish to limit import of livestock, livestock products and certain animals species susceptible to Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) from countries that have been considered as ‘ BSE free ’ by the Office International Epizootics (OIE). DAHP has taken several measures including a surveillance programme which are being implemented at present to monitor the status of BSE in the country.

We have been limiting the entry of these items to Sri Lanka through a process of issuing import permits after strict scrutinizing carefully. To prevent the entry of BSE agent into Sri Lanka, DAHP will not issue permits for the importation of animals and animal products of ruminant origin from countries listed below in accordance with the Section No. 21 and 22 of the Animal Disease Act, No. 59 of 1952.

The public and relevant authorities are hereby informed, that importation of animals and animal products of ruminant origin will not be allowed from the countries listed below with effect from 01st of June, 2004.

Austria	Greece	Poland
Belgium	Ireland	Portugal
Canada	Israel	Slovakia
Czech. Republic	Italy	Solvenia
Denmark	Japan	Spain
Finland	Liechtenstein	Switzerland
France	Luxembourg	United Kingdom
Germany	Netherlands	USA

Importation of Animals, Animal Products of ruminant origin and other Specific Risk Materials will be considered only from the countries which have officially been declared as “ BSE Provisional Free Status ” by the OIE. The above list will be up-dated regularly depending on the BSE status of the country.

Dr. S. K. R. AMARASEKERA,  
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