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GOI Notifies SOP for Traceability of Imported Bovine Germplasm

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Report Highlights:

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DAHDF) notified the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for traceability of imported bovine germplasm including semen, embryos and bulls. Although not notified to the World Trade Organization, the notification was published on the DAHDF website.

General Information:

Disclaimer: The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Government of India (GOI) website: <http://dahd.nic.in>. The Office of Agricultural Affairs and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity. The summary below is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and, therefore, should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive interpretation of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural trade interests.

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries (DAHDF), Government of India, notified the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for traceability of imported bovine germplasm. The notification provides detailed procedure for traceability of imported bulls, semen doses produced from imported bulls, imported semen doses, and imported embryos. In April 2016, DAHDF revised its guidelines for export/import of bovine germplasm (Please see [IN6090](#)). Although not notified to the WTO, the notification was published on the DAHDF website.

The revised guidelines are attached below and can be accessed at: [Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\) for Traceability of Imported Bovine Germplasm](#).

Final Details on the issued notification:

- Type of Regulation: Final
- Publication Date on the DAHDF website: Unspecified
- Date of Implementation: Immediate
- WTO Notification Date: Not yet notified (as of January 12, 2017)
- Products Affected: Bovine semen, embryos, and live animals
- Agency in charge: Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.