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### Implementation of Hides and Skins Import Certificate Deferred

**Report Categories:**

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**Report Highlights:**

On July 24, 2009 the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture issued a final Gazette Notification to regulate the import of hides and skins into India. The veterinary certificate for hides and skins will be finally implemented on October 23, 2009. The notification has not yet been notified to WTO.

**General Information:**

**Introduction:** On July 24, 2009, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture released an official gazette notification for the final veterinary certificate for the import of hides and skins in India. The implementation of the veterinary certificate for hides and skins will be implemented on October 24, 2009. The regulation has not been notified to the WTO.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a  *cursory*  review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

**Type of Regulation:** Final

**Details on the final Gazette notification No. G.S.R. 1825(E), dated July 24, 2009:**

- **Publication Date:** July 24, 2009
- **Date of Implementation:** October 23, 2009
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified (as of July 30, 2009)
- **Products Affected:** Hides and skins of cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat, horse, and camel.

**Agency in Charge:** Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Government of India (GOI).

**Background:**

On June 9, 2009, the DADF website posted a veterinary certificate for the import of hides and skins on its website.

Earlier notifications related to import regulations for various categories of raw hides and skins have been reviewed in the following GAIN reports: [IN8033](#), [IN8060](#), [IN8071](#), [IN8122](#), [IN8134](#), [IN8142](#), [IN9009](#), [IN9018](#), IN9042, IN9057, and IN9078.

**Proposed Changes:**

The DADF's final veterinary certificate posted on its website on June 9, 2009 for the import of hides and skins into India was finally notified on July 24, 2009 through an official gazette notification. However, the date of implementation of the final hides and skins import protocol has been deferred until October 23, 2009.

The full text of the official notification is attached along with this report.