

4. Wherever possible, the importer of a non-conforming consignment, or his representative, shall be notified of the reason for non-conformity, and shall be given access to the consignment and the opportunity to contribute relevant information to assist the importing Party in taking a final decision.

5. A Party may collect fees for the costs incurred in conducting frontier checks. Provisions concerning these fees may be added to Annex VIII.

ARTICLE 12

NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION

1. The Parties shall notify each other, in writing, of:
 - (a) significant changes in health status, such as the presence and evolution of diseases in Annex III, within 24 hours of confirmation of the change;
 - (b) findings of epidemiological importance with respect to diseases which are not in Annex III or which are new diseases, without delay; and
 - (c) any additional measures beyond the basic requirements of their respective sanitary measures taken to control or eradicate animal disease or protect public health, and any changes in preventative policies, including vaccination policies.