

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original:

NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
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): Stored Plant Products for Human Consumption.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Affected countries: All. A few seeds and some citrus products require heat treatment as an option, to be declared in a phytosanitary certificate.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Importation into New Zealand of Stored Plant Products Intended for Human Consumption (English) (28 pages, including definitions).
6. Description of content: The import requirements for the listed products, stipulates the requirements for the importation of plant products for human consumption. This includes (where required, depending on the commodity) the pre-import requirements, documentation, phytosanitary certification requirements, additional declarations to the phytosanitary certificate, and inspection requirements. As these are measures that have been in place previously, it is anticipated that the import health standard will be issued and trade will continue as previously. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standards if necessary.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

None
10. Proposed date of adoption: 9 March 2005
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 9 March 2005
12. Final date for comments: Any time. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Biosecurity Standards (Stored Plant Products for Human Consumption) MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry PO Box 2526 WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND Telephone: +64 4 498 9809 Fax: +64 4 474 4132 Email: plantimports@maf.govt.nz
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