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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Biosecurity New Zealand Standard 155.02.06 <i>Importation of Nursery Stock</i>
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Biosecurity New Zealand Standard 155.02.06 <i>Importation of Nursery Stock</i> (English) 368 pages
6. Description of content: Biosecurity New Zealand Standard 155.02.06 <i>Importation of Nursery Stock</i> stipulates the requirements for importation of nursery stock into New Zealand. This minor amendment expands the range of chemical treatments available for dormant bulbs in section 2.2.1.7 of the import health standard. This amendment will facilitate trade and therefore the import health standard will be adopted on 28 April 2005. However, New Zealand will consider any comments after this date and amend the import health standard if appropriate.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] Office International des Epizooties, [X] International Plant Protection Convention, [] 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: 28 April 2005
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 28 April 2005
12. Final date for comments: 30 June 2005

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