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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 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): Cherries (<i>Prunus avium</i>). |
| 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: United States of America – States of Idaho, Oregon and Washington |
| 5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import Health Standard Commodity Sub-class: Fresh Fruit/Vegetables; Cherries, <i>Prunus avium</i> from the United States of America – States of Idaho, Oregon and Washington, 4 July 2005 (English) (22 pages). |
| 6. Description of content: New Zealand has developed an import health standard which includes the following phytosanitary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pest control activities• Inspection of export consignments; and• Application of a pre-export treatment for fruit flies (<i>Rhagoletis</i> spp.). <p>As these are trade-facilitating measures the import health standard has been issued and trade will be permitted to commence shortly. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standard if necessary.</p> |
| 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: 4 July 2005 |
| 11. Proposed date of entry into force: 4 July 2005 |

12. Final date for comments: 5 September 2005

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