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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF).
3.	<b>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):</b> <i>Ficus</i> spp. nursery stock
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import Health Standard 155.02.06 <i>Importation of Nursery Stock</i> , 367 pages
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> New Zealand has revised the import health schedule for <i>Ficus</i> , to include an additional option for risk mitigation for <i>Uredo ficina</i> .
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [X] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> [ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [ ] Office International des Epizooties, [X] International Plant Protection Convention, [ ] None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None.
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 21 September 2005
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 21 September 2005
12.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> As these are trade-facilitating measures it is anticipated that the import health standard will be 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. <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> [ ] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Brian Double, MAF Biosecurity New Zealand, PO Box 2526, 101-103 The Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 460 8754. Fax: +64 4 498 9888.

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