

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

## 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>Cannabis sativa</i> (low THC Hemp variety), <i>Pisum</i> , <i>Triticum</i> , and <i>Zea</i> seed for sowing
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import Health Schedules <i>Cannabis sativa</i> (low THC Hemp variety), <i>Pisum</i> , <i>Triticum</i> and <i>Zea</i> seed for sowing September 2005 (English) contained within the MAF standard 155.02.05 <i>Importation of seed for sowing</i> <a href="http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/imports/plants/standards/155-02-05.pdf">http://www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/imports/plants/standards/155-02-05.pdf</a> .
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> New Zealand has made a number of amendments to the above import health standards which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Import Health Standard Commodity Class: Seeds (Grain)/Nuts Commodity Sub-class: <i>Cannabis sativa</i> Seeds for Sowing has been revoked and the importation requirements for <i>Cannabis sativa</i> are now included in a new schedule of special conditions for <i>Cannabis sativa</i> seed in the MAF standard 155.02.05 <i>Importation of Seed for Sowing</i>.</li><li>• Removal of <i>Erwinia rhapontici</i> from the <i>Pisum</i> and <i>Triticum</i> regulated pest list.</li><li>• The addition of other fungicide treatment options for <i>Pisum</i> seed.</li><li>• Removal of unnecessary additional declarations to the phytosanitary certification requirements for <i>Zea mays</i>.</li></ul>
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</b>

<b>reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 26 September 2005
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 26 September 2005
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> As these are trade facilitating measures the import health schedules have been issued. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standard if necessary.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Robert Taylor, MAF Biosecurity Zealand, PO Box 2526, 101-103 The Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 498 9811. Fax: +64 4 498 9888. Email: Robert.taylor@maf.govt.nz</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Ms Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 474 4140; Fax: +64 4 474 4257; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm">http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</a></p>