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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF).
<b>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):</b> <i>Anethum</i> seed for sowing
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import Health Schedule <i>Anethum</i> seed for sowing October 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> .
<b>6. Description of content:</b> New Zealand has removed the requirements for seed to be sourced from areas free of <i>Cercosporidium punctum</i> (syn. <i>Passalora punctum</i> ) due to the confirmed presence of this fungus in New Zealand.
<b>7. 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
<b>8. 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>
<b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None.
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 7 October 2005
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 7 October 2005
<b>12. Final date for comments:</b> 7 October 2005 (As these are trade facilitating measures the import health schedule has been reissued. 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, [ ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: 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

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