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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): Ginger (<i>Zingiber officinale</i>).
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Thailand.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Import Health Standard Commodity Sub-class: Fresh Fruit/Vegetables; Ginger, <i>Zingiber officinale</i> from Thailand, 14 December 2005 (English) (18 pages).
6.	Description of content: New Zealand has developed a draft import health standard which includes the following phytosanitary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspection and certification of export consignments.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> 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: 24 February 2006
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 24 February 2006
12.	Final date for comments: Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: MAF Biosecurity New Zealand, PO Box 2526, 25 The Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand. Fax: +64 4 819 0662. Email: imports@maf.govt.nz
13.	Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point,

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