

NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA)
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): Meat or other food product of a bovine animal and any food product derived from or containing the meat or products of a bovine animal intended for human consumption.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any country exporting or wishing to export any meat or other food product of a bovine animal and any food product derived from or containing the meat or products of a bovine animal intended for human consumption, to New Zealand.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Proposal to Amend the BSE Measures Applying to Imported Food for Human Consumption; English; 27 pages2. Officials' Review of New Zealand's BSE Country-Categorisation Measure; English; 33 pages
6. Description of content: Consultation document outlining NZFSA's proposal to amend New Zealand's current BSE Country-Categorisation Measure which determines the import requirements for any meat or other food product of a bovine animal and any food product derived from or containing the meat or products of a bovine animal intended for human consumption that are monitored for the potential risk of BSE. The discussion document is NZFSA's proposed response to last year's Officials' Review of New Zealand's current BSE Country Categorisation Measure. It is proposed that gelatine regardless of source and products containing negligible bovine meat content, which are covered by the current Measure, be excluded from the future Measure.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input 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: It is proposed that New Zealand will move to a simpler, three tier country categorisation system, rather than the existing five categories.

This is based on the OIE's *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*, but with some differences:

- No restriction for gelatine derived from bones.
- No age restrictions with respect to the eligibility of meat from cattle.
- Exempting products with minimal bovine content.

9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: These differences are outlined in the consultation document and Officials' Review report.

10. Proposed date of adoption: 24 July 2006

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 24 July 2006

12. Final date for comments: 19 May 2006

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