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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
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): Dairy products for human consumption
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries excluding Australia and the European Union Member Countries
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard for the importation of dairy products for human consumption into New Zealand from specified countries. (English) – 7 pages.
6. Description of content: New Zealand has revised the import health standard for dairy products for human consumption, which now requires the Manager of the Manufacturing premise to certify to the processing and ingredients of the dairy products, this declaration is then certified by an official veterinarian.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] Office International des Epizooties, [] International Plant Protection Convention, [] 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: 13 April 2006
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 13 April 2006
12. Final date for comments: 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. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if

available) of other body: Arun Siva, MAF Biosecurity New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Fax: +64 4 819 0662. Email: plantimports@maf.govt.nz

- 13. Texts available from:** **National notification authority,** **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Ms Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 819 0431; Fax: +64 4 819 0731; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz

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