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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): Banana (<i>Musa</i> spp.).
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Australia
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import Health Standard Commodity Sub-class: Fresh Fruit/Vegetables; Banana, <i>Musa</i> spp. from Australia, 2 June 2006 (English) (17 pages).
6.	Description of content: New Zealand has developed an import health standard for bananas from Australia. The import health standard includes the following phytosanitary measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surveillance for freedom of specified pests;• Pest control activities;• Inspection of export consignments; and• Application of a pre-export measures for fruit flies (<i>Bactrocera</i> sp.). <p>As the implementation of this import health standard is trade-facilitating it is anticipated that the import health standard will be issued at the time of this notification. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standard if necessary.</p>
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: 2 June 2006
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 2 June 2006
12. Final date for comments: As the implementation of this import health standard is trade-facilitating it is anticipated that the import health standard will be issued at the time of this notification. 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: <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
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