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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: Biosecurity New Zealand, 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): Dogs and Cats
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: South Africa, Malaysia, Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Argentina, Bahamas, Belgium, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Falkland Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Greenland, Guam, Hong Kong, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Macau, Malta, Mauritius, The Netherlands, Netherland Antilles and Aruba, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Croatia, Republic of Slovenia, Reunion, Sabah, Sarawak, Seychelles, South Korea, Spain, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent Grenadin, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, US Virgin Islands, Wallis and Futuna.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import Health Standards Amended: 1. Import Health Standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from specified countries and territories recognised as countries or territories in which canine rabies is absent or well controlled. Language = English. 17 pages 2. Import Health Standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from Malaysia. Language = English 19 pages 3. Import Health Standard for the importation of dogs and cats into New Zealand from South Africa. Language = English 17 pages
6. Description of content: Amendments to Import requirements for Dogs and Cats from the above countries. Including reference to microchip legislation and requirements for dogs to be first registered in New Zealand.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] 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:

Terrestrial Animal Health Code – 2005, CHAPTER 2.2.5. Article 2.2.5.5. clause 4,

Deviation : adequate serology for rabies must be greater than 6 months, and no greater than one year from the scheduled date of departure

9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English only

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/domaniic.spe.htm>

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/domaniic.mal.htm>

<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/domaniic.saf.htm>

10. Proposed date of adoption: 23 May 2006

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 24 July 06

12. Final date for comments: N/A

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