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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

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| 1.  | <b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| 2.  | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry   |
| 3.  | <b>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):</b> Squash ( <i>Cucurbita maxima</i> ) and Butternut ( <i>Cucurbita moschata</i> ) from Tonga  |
| 4.  | <b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br>Tonga  |
| 5.  | <b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b><br>Import health standard for the importation of Squash and Butternut ( <i>Cucurbita maxima</i> and <i>Cucurbita moschata</i> ) from Tonga. (English) – 15 pages.  |
| 6.  | <b>Description of content:</b> This is a new Import Health Standard for Squash and Butternut from Tonga   |
| 7.  | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection,<br><input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease,<br><input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests  |
| 8.  | <b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties,<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None<br><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>  |
| 9.  | <b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None  |
| 10. | <b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 6 October 2006  |
| 11. | <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 6 October 2006  |
| 12. | <b>Final date for comments:</b> 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.<br><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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, |

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