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NOTIFICATION

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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): Marine and freshwater Bivalve Molluscan Shellfish including live, raw, ready-to-eat, canned and dried, imported under tariff codes: 0307.10.00.02H, 0307.10.00.11G, 0307.10.00.22B, 0307.10.00.28A, 0307.10.00.31A, 0307.10.00.41J, 0307.10.00.48F, 0307.10.00.49D, 0307.10.00.52D, 0307.10.00.61C, 0307.10.00.72J, 0307.10.00.78H, 0307.10.00.81H, 0307.10.00.91E, 0307.10.00.98B, 0307.10.00.99L, 0307.21.00.01H, 0307.21.00.09C, 0307.21.00.19L, 0307.29.00.01D, 0307.29.00.09K, 0307.31.00.02K, 0307.31.00.11J, 0307.31.00.21F, 0307.31.00.31C, 0307.31.00.39J, 0307.39.00.01H, 0307.39.00.09C, 0307.39.00.19L, 0307.39.00.21B, 0307.39.00.29H, 0307.91.00.01C, 0307.91.00.09J, 0307.91.00.19F, 0307.91.00.29C, 0307.91.00.38B, 0307.91.00.49H, 0307.99.01.01F, 0307.99.01.09A, 0307.99.01.19J, 0307.99.01.29F, 0307.99.01.39C, 0307.99.11.00C, 0307.99.19.00D, 1605.90.01.00E, 1605.90.09.01D, 1605.90.09.09K, 1605.90.19.01K, 1605.90.19.09E, 1605.90.19.19B, 1605.90.19.29K, 1605.90.19.31A, 1605.90.19.39G, 1605.90.19.41J, 1605.90.19.49D, 1605.90.19.51F, 1605.90.19.59A, 1605.90.19.69J, 1605.90.19.79F, 1605.90.21.00F, 1605.90.29.00G, 1605.90.39.00B.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries exporting the commodities to New Zealand
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: (Draft) Proposal to Amend Prescribed Food Standard and Import Requirements for Bivalve Molluscan Shellfish. NZFSA Public Discussion Document No 05/06 dated November 2006 (41 pages). Available in English.
6. Description of content: <p>The amendment will add pathogenic viruses as a condition requiring monitoring for Bivalve Molluscan Shellfish (BMS) as a prescribed food. The change to the prescribed food name from 'Molluscs' to 'Bivalve Molluscan Shellfish' is also being made to more accurately reflect the scientific name for the range of foods.</p> <p>The amendment will give provision for consignments of BMS arriving in New Zealand to only be cleared when they are derived from a BMS programme in the exporting country that manages the hazards associated with BMS and has been recognised as meeting New Zealand's requirements for BMS.</p> <p>This approach is consistent with the international trends and with the purpose and aims of</p>

	the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Sanitary Phytosanitary (SPS) Agreement .
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" 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: <i>The New Zealand (Prescribed Foods) Food Standards 2002</i> and the <i>New Zealand Food Act 1981</i> (both available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption: Anticipated mid February 2007
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: Anticipated mid March 2007, 28 days after Gazettal
12.	Final date for comments: 10 January 2007 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Hilary Eade, Programme Manager (Technical Standards – Imports) New Zealand Standards Group, New Zealand Food Safety Authority, PO Box 2835, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +64 4 463 2694; Fax: +64 4 463 2591; Email: hilary.eade@nzfsa.govt.nz
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