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NOTIFICATION

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): Roquefort cheese, imported under tariff code 0406.40.00.00L and raw milk extra-hard grating cheeses, imported under tariff code 0406.90.00.39D
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading countries
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Proposal to Amend Food Standards to allow for the importation and sale of Roquefort cheese and raw milk extra-hard grating cheeses (20 pages)
6. Description of content: Consultation document that proposes to allow the direct importation and sale of Roquefort cheese and raw milk extra-hard grating cheeses into New Zealand. It will also allow for monitoring of these cheeses to verify their safety.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input 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: <i>The New Zealand (Prescribed Foods) Food Standards 2002 and the New Zealand (Milk and Milk Products Processing) Food Standards 2002 and the New Zealand Food Act 1981 (all available in English)</i>
10. Proposed date of adoption: 26 July 2007
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 26 July 2007

12. Final date for comments: 30 June 2007

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: **National notification authority,** **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 Food Safety Authority, PO Box 2835, Wellington, New Zealand.

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