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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
<b>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):</b> Roquefort cheese
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands and United Kingdom.
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import health standard for Roquefort cheese from the European community. (English) – 6 pages.
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This is a new draft import health standard allowing the importation into New Zealand of Roquefort cheese manufactured in France. The draft document is based on Annex V of the European Union/New Zealand Veterinary Agreement and the New Zealand Food Safety Authorities 'Proposal to amend Food Standards to allow for the importation and sale of Roquefort cheese and raw milk extra-hard grating cheeses: Consultation Process and Invitation for Public Comment - NZFSA Public Discussion Document No 03/07 May 2007' <a href="http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/consultation/">http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/consultation/</a>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> [ ] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
<b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> [ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [ ] Office International des Epizooties, [ ] International Plant Protection Convention, [ x ] None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
<b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 26 July 2007
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 26 July 2007

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