

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Member to Agreement notifying: New Zealand If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Biosecurity New Zealand
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): Horses
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Australia
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified documents: Import Health Standard for Horses from Australia, English, 12 pages and Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Equipment Associated with animals or water, English, 8 pages
6. Description of content: All imports of horses from Australia have been suspended until further notice. All imports of horse equipment from Australia must be directed to an approved treatment facility for one or more of the specified treatments in the MAF Standard for Approved Biosecurity Treatments for Risk Goods Directed for Treatment available on the MAF website at http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/border/transitional-facilities/treatments.htm until further notice.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: Australia is no longer free from the disease equine influenza. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand has adopted this cautious approach to protect New Zealand from this highly contagious virus, and will review the situation as more information comes to light.
9. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <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:
10. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 27 August 2007
12.	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [x] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Ms Sally Griffin, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, 25 The Terrace, Wellington, New Zealand, Tel: +64 4 894 0431 Fax: +64 4 894 0731, E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz Website: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm
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