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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
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): Pasteurised milk and milk products of buffalo, cattle, goat or sheep origin thermised cheeses of buffalo, cattle, goat or sheep origin hard raw milk cheeses (unpasteurised) of buffalo, cattle, goat or sheep origin
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands and United Kingdom.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard for Milk and Milk products for human consumption from the European community. (English) – 9 pages.
6. Description of content: This import health standard relates to the importation into New Zealand of milk and milk products manufactured in the European Union. The document is based on Annex V of the European Union/New Zealand Veterinary Agreement and the New Zealand Food Safety Authorities ' <i>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</i> ' http://www.nzfsa.govt.nz/consultation/
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] Office International des Epizooties, [] International Plant Protection Convention, [x] 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: None

10. Proposed date of adoption: 28 August 2007
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 28 August 2007
12. Final date for comments: As the implementation of this import health standard is trade-facilitating it is anticipated that the import health standard will be issued at the time of this notification. However, New Zealand will still take any comments into account and amend the import health standard if necessary.
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