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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> Canine semen
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Australia
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Import health standard for the importation of canine semen into New Zealand from Australia. (English) – 8 pages.
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The import health standard for canine semen from Australia has been amended.  The Veterinary Certification has been simplified and the following clauses added:  1.4 All extender components are prepared and handled using principles of sterility  1.7 Prior to export, the container in which the semen is to be transported was sealed by either the semen collection centre veterinarian or an Official Veterinarian
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
<b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> 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> Import health standard for canine semen from Australia. English.
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 November 2007

**11. Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 November 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.

**13. Texts available from:**  **National notification authority,**  **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, Wellington, New Zealand.  
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