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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: MAF 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): Live Horses
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: USA, Japan, Hong Kong, Canada, Austria Belgium Bulgaria Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Ireland Italy Latvia Lithuania Luxembourg Malta Netherlands Poland Portugal Romania Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden United Kingdom
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified documents: Import Health Standard for Horses from the European Union, English, 17 pages, Import Health Standard for Horses from the USA, English, 18 pages, Import Health Standard for Horses from Japan, English, 21 pages, Import Health Standard for Horses from Hong Kong, English, 21 Pages, Import Health Standard for Horses from Canada, English, 15 pages.
6.	Description of content: Temporary amendment to quarantine requirements for live horses entering New Zealand from Australia, USA, Japan, Hong Kong, Canada, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. All horses must now have a PCR test or antigen ELISA test for Equine Influenza, 10-14 days into pre-export quarantine and must have a PCR test 5-7 days into post arrival quarantine.
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: Due to the recent global outbreaks of Equine Influenza. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand has adopted increased biosecurity measures 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 type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health

<p>(OIE), [<input type="checkbox"/>] International Plant Protection Convention, [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] None</p> <p>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>	
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 4 th September 2007
12.	<p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] National notification authority, [<input type="checkbox"/>] 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. Tel: +64 4 894 0431; Fax: +64 4 894 0731; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz</p> <p>Website: www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] National notification authority, [<input type="checkbox"/>] 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. Tel: +64 4 894 0431; Fax: +64 4 894 0731; E-mail: sps@maf.govt.nz</p> <p>Website: www.maf.govt.nz/biosecurity/sps/transparency/notifications/index.htm</p>